

## STATE HIGHWAYMEN TO MEET IN SIKESTON

Preparations are now being made to entertain the State Highway Commission from Jefferson City and every employe in the 10th Division, which comprises the several counties of Southeast Missouri, at a banquet and instruction meeting in Sikeston Wednesday evening of the coming week. It is a proposition to find a suitable room that will seat the 200 guests at one time. The matter of serving the food is a secondary consideration as either of our hotels or church societies could easily do that by serving in relays, but it is desired to seat all the guests at one time and after the banquet will be the program.

This is the first opportunity that the entire Highway Commission as a body has had to meet in this Division and every employe has been urged to be present.

The Commission and the Engineers are preparing to rush road building all over the State just as soon as the season opens and expect to give some worth while talks to the employes along this line, hence the necessity of everyone being present.

## MISSOURI SUPREME COURT URGES PRISON

Jefferson City, January 11.—Imprisonment, "the only sort of punishment which really hurts", was urged today by the Missouri Supreme Court for the enforcement of the prohibition law.

The court recommended Penitentiary sentences for violators of the dry laws in an opinion written by Chief Justice D. E. Blair in the case of William Hopley and Harry Gray. Both men were sentenced to two years each in prison for "transporting corn whisky" in Maryville, Mo., on October 2, 1924.

## MEREDITH ANSWERS HAWES' DECLARATION

Poplar Bluff, January 11.—Declaring that he has the goods on Harry B. Hawes' declaration that he threatened to leave the Democratic party in July, 1919, Willis H. Meredith, who yesterday announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, today said he wanted to refresh Maj. Hawes' memory concerning his remarks.

"I note that Maj. Hawes does not deny that he threatened to quit the Democratic party in his interviews with the Globe-Democrat in July, 1919, but he says he will not in any manner attack the Wilson administration," said Meredith. "His articles speak for themselves, and if Maj. Hawes thinks they were endorsements of the Wilson administration, which he now seems to want the Democracy of Missouri to believe, I suggest that he have these interviews reprinted in the Congressional Record and mail them or frank them, as his custom is, to the Democrats of Missouri. He will then save me the trouble of reading them from the stump when the campaign opens."

In his efforts to refresh Hawes' memory, Meredith today said:

"On page one of the Globe-Democrat of July 10, 1919, the headline read: 'Harry Hawes Would Quit Democrats for New National Party'. On July 21, 1919, page 11 of the Globe-Democrat, the headlines read: 'State Committee Faces Darkest Hour in Party's History; Hawes May Quit Party'. And the Globe-Democrat, correspondent in that article says: 'Attacks of Harry B. Hawes of St. Louis, influential Democratic leader, upon the local organization and his declaration that he may quit the party, both state and national, has a very disquieting effect upon the state Democracy'."

"I leave it to the Democrats of Missouri," says Meredith, "whether or not these interviews were endorsements of the Wilson administration. I do not so read them."

Meredith left Poplar Bluff this afternoon en route to Jefferson City to attend the Missouri Association of Criminal Justice meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Charles Ellis, of Jefferson City, was a business visitor in our city on Thursday. While in Sikeston, he called on The Standard force.

T. J. Mathis, of Poplar Bluff, who has bought the Mrs. Nina Smoot stock of goods near the shoe factory, is moving his family into the Hucksby house in the north part of town.

## SPECIAL SHORT SKIRTS STORIES FOR STANDARD

The Standard has been asked to give space for an expression of opinion by males and females as to the merits and demerits of short skirts. In printing these expressions, no names will be printed, but The Standard reserves the right to reject such opinions as are base and unfit for publication. Some believe in short skirts from a sanitary standpoint, some for the scenic effects, and others like to see them on others than their own wife and daughter. Of course you will find some who believe in long skirts, but most of these believers have some defects to hide.

Already some views have been received, which will be printed in the Tuesday edition.

### A WINTER VIGNETTE

The sky was overcast,  
The winter wind blew cold;  
She crouched against the bitter blast,  
For she was old.

Her lips were blue and chilled,  
And down the frozen street  
The fierce-fanged tempest snarled  
and shrieked  
About her feet.

Against the savage cold  
Little she had to wear;  
She wore her flesh silk stockings  
rolled,  
And her knees were bare.

My heart went out to her;  
I pointed to her knees:  
"Why do you stand on a street corner  
And rapidly freeze?"

"Is it some woman's woe?  
Or does the heartless town  
Let poor old paupers suffer so  
From the knees down?"

"I have a union suit  
That my grandmother wore,  
It kept her warm from neck to boot  
Ten years or more;

"Of virgin wool it's knit,  
Some seven pounds it weighs,  
And gladly will I give you it  
And ask no praise;

"Because my feelings bleed  
To see you there, so old,  
Woefully huddling, frozen-kneed,  
And cold—so cold!"

She hardly turned her head;  
Her lips with cold were gray;  
"Put on your union suit," she said,  
"And shrink away!"

The North Wind howled and bayed  
And shook the shuddering trees;  
Her fashionable coat displayed  
Her aged knees;

With icy whips the weather  
Assailed her, uncontrolled;  
I heard her old knees clack together,  
Cold—cold.

—Morris Bishop.

### MUSICAL FITS AND MISFITS

In the Globe-Democrat this week, appeared an article stating that New York Methodist preacher, Rev. Christian F. Reiser, said, "We should supplant the high-priced quartet singing of our churches with music that thrills", mentioning jazz as the thriller. The good man may have reasons a plenty for wanting a change. Certainly if his choir "uses the measure-bar for a vocal 'cat-skinning' gymnastic-pole, and his people are forced to listen to the cry of the 'cat' while going through the torture, needs a change.

We do need rhythmic music with harmony and melody, but I feel the above mentioned brother has gone to the wrong source for his help. Personally, if I had to choose between the "cat-skinning" quartet and the whole bunch turned loose in a jazz band, give me the quartet.

Now seriously, we need soul thrilling, harmonious music, may I enter my protest, through the medium of our city papers, against the jazz in the churches. As has been stated, "we need the jazz to lose ourselves". I say, we need the kind of music that will aid us in finding ourselves, our place and our God.—Jno. O. Ensor, Pastor of Sikeston M. E. Church.

In connection with the weekly prayer meeting at the Baptist church on Wednesday night, was one of a social nature, where plans were talked over for the coming year.

Rev. J. O. Ensor expects to begin a series of meetings at the Methodist Church beginning the last Sunday in January and running through the first two or three weeks of February. Further notice will be given later.



## "Where does all the money go?"

YOUNG Mrs. Henshaw was almost in tears. She had been telling Mrs. Blair something about her failure to "get a few dollars ahead."

"Where does all the money go?" she asked hopelessly.

"Do you really want me to tell you, dear?" Mrs. Blair replied, in the kindly voice of mature experience.

"Like so many other young people," she continued, "you and Jack are 'always broke'—as you say—because you have no systematic, intelligent buying plan. You need to adopt a budget! You should study your problem—know exactly what you must have each week and buy accordingly."

"There comes the big test! Do you know how to buy—what to buy, and when, and where? You simply must learn, and, the best way in the world is to study the advertisements in your newspaper. Read the ads carefully; apply their suggestions to your own needs, and you will save money! I know, because for many years I have done so."

## RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FOR REDUCTION OF CRIME

The outstanding recommendations by the Association for Criminal Justice for the reduction of crime are:

Creation of a bipartisan Board of Prison Management.  
Politics be divorced completely from the penal institutions.

Board members be removed only on established charges.

All appointments and tenures be based solely on efficiency and not political considerations.

Releases, even of first offenders, from the Penitentiary under the seventh-twelfths rule, be made conditional under parole regulations.

That men who have served more than one term be required to serve at least three-fourths of their sentence.

That the Governor cease to commute the sentences of long-term men, unless in the interest of justice, in which event the man so released be put under parole conditions.

That more adequate provisions be made for the care of prisoners suffering from tuberculosis and for those suffering from mental abnormalities.

That educational training be given all prisoners who have not reached the sixth grade.

That adequate industrial training be provided.

An Intermediate Reformatory for first offenders between 18 and 30.

That a field officer be provided to check up men out of parole.

Here are recommendations made affecting the management of the Missouri Reformatory:

That releases under the present merit system be discontinued and merit points achieved be used only as the basis for parole application.

That parole be granted only when the authorities are sure it is merited; that the community from which the boy came is favorable to his release, and that profitable employment and suitable environment are assured.

That special paroles be restricted to extraordinary cases in which the trial judge initiates the application for parole.

That parole regulations be rigidly enforced and that infractions be grounds for immediate revocation.

That boys who have served more than one term be required to serve at least seven-twelfths of their time.

That Circuit and Juvenile judges make provisions for putting neglected children under the supervision of the State Board of Charities and Correction for placement in wholesome homes.

That Circuit and Juvenile Court Judges be required to submit full information regarding each boy's criminal record, his family history, early influences and environment.

That probation service in connection with the Juvenile and Criminal courts be strengthened.

That commitment of federal prisoners convicted under the drug act to the Reformatory be discontinued.

That the Reformatory be used only for boys between 7 and 17 years old and that an Intermediate Reformatory be created for ages between 18 and 30.

That a modernly equipped Bureau of Identification be established.

That provisions be made for industrial training.

That provisions be made for teachers for defective children.

That a suitable gymnasium and well-equipped library and reading rooms be provided.

That accurate records be kept of all of the correctional work.

That three additional field workers be employed to check up paroles, one to be stationed in St. Louis and one in Kansas City.

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Miss Barbara Beck is unable to be in school because of the flu.

Everyone will be glad to learn of the return of W. T. Malone from the Frisco Hospital, St. Louis, in an improved condition after a nasal operation by Dr. Payne.

A preliminary hearing of Frank Riley will be held at Bloomfield Wednesday, January 20. He is under a bond of \$25,000 for the shooting and killing of C. F. McMullin.

Radio fans enjoyed two solos broadcasted from Jefferson City, Monday night by Miss Lillian Shields, of Sikeston, who is a student at Christian College, Columbia.

## DOES ELECTRICITY SPEED UP PLANT GROWTH?

Many experiments conducted during the past 75 years to determine the influence of electrical treatment of the soil or the atmosphere on the growth and yield of plant life have given rise to various conclusions. In England, where the electrical treatment has been applied by charging a network placed high enough above the growing crops to permit of cultivation with horses, increased yields are reported. Similar experimental work by the United States Department of Agriculture has failed to produce any well-defined increase in yield. Eight years of experimental tests by the department have not shown any positive response by plants to electrical treatment of either the soil or the atmosphere in which the plants were grown. At the present time there is still a diversity of opinion concerning the influence of electricity in plant development.

### RENAMES TWO TO VOTE BOARD

Jefferson City, January 11.—Governor Baker today announced the reappointment of Rex Hedrick of Buckner and James F. Shepherd of Independence as the Republican members of the Jackson County election board. The commissions of the reappointed members are for 4-year terms from January 16, when their present commissions expire. No announcement was made as to the Democrat members of the board, who at present are Albert M. Ott and Brown Harris.

Mr. Ott is understood to be a candidate for reappointment, while Mr. Harris may be a candidate for the circuit bench at the next election. Among others mentioned for the Democratic places are Samuel H. Woodson, former mayor of Independence; J. Allen Previtt, George F. Millard, Mrs. Margaret Wherritt, Robert Livesay, J. B. Yankee and Todd George.

Among the motorists licensed in Coventry there are about 20 who are deaf.

## SIKESTON GIRL WRITES OPINION OF 'MIRACLE'

Not all of us could see "The Miracle", but all may feel some of the enthusiasm of an on-looker after reading the following description of same by Miss Annette Smith, who has written the following, and we appreciate the kindness of Mrs. Smith for allowing us to publish this letter unknown to Miss Annette.

The following is her letter to her parents:

"I just want to tell you about seeing 'The Miracle' and how wonderful it was. It was the most gorgeous production I ever hope to see. It was just a marvel. I do wish you all could see it. The theatre was changed to look like a cathedral and all the windows had been changed into replicas of stained glass windows of famous European cathedrals, with a golden altar, huge pillars and massive iron doors and candle lit. There was hardly a stage but the huge altar was raised a little, but part of the acting went on right down in the aisles. It was just like being in a huge cathedral, the whole atmosphere was medieval. It was all pantomime except for the chanting and at the very end, the nun said the Lord's Prayer." I've never seen such lovely costumes, such beautiful settings or any more wonderful acting. It was certainly a superb thing. So much going on at once that you were scarcely conscious of any one thing. The pages were even dressed as nuns and at no time during the performance was there any applause—not even at the end. Everyone just sits tense during the whole thing. I was just worn out when I left. I do wish you all could see it, because I know I'll never forget it for it was so impressive. The cast for the nun and the madonna rotate, but we saw Iris Tree play the nun and Lady Diana Manner, the Madonna. They were both wonderful—tall, slender, blond and very graceful. Lady Diana, as the Madonna (supposedly a mere image with healing powers) stood immobile for 45 minutes, and she looked like a wax figure. She is lovely anyhow—such perfect features and with blond hair and green eyes—you can't imagine the vastness of it all and the beauty at the very first everything was pitch dark and slowly from down the aisle came the nuns, each carrying a lighted candle as the chimes sounded for mass. Just to see those poised calm figures going through that ceremony, made you feel as though you were truly in a cathedral. There was no curtain—only the lighting effects changed the scenery and the altar opened. In one scene, by means of light and shadow and shading effects, the chancel was turned into a miniature forest. It was marvelous. Scene 6 was a lovely scene which simply inspires terror—revolutionists all in red and black—only king and nun in gold. In the background sets the masked council—on a raised platform with the galleys behind—the executioner and his ax in the foreground; the singing, anger, mumbling mob massed about. The scenery and acting was all so superb that I wouldn't take anything for my trip."

## POLICE CHIEF HELD IN BANK ROBBERY

Hillsboro, Mo., January 11.—Chief of Police L. W. Hurst of De Soto, is in the county jail here today, charged with having aided the escape of bandits who robbed the American Bank of De Soto of \$10,640, December 30.

Hurst is charged with having advanced information of the route to be taken by the bandits in their escape from the bank and with having led his posse off their trail.

An alleged confession by William Perkins, on whose farm the bank loot is alleged to have been divided, led to the arrest of the peace officer, Saturday. Hurst, according to De Soto authorities, denies sharing the loot, but admits ownership of a rifle found in Perkins' home. Perkins declares Hurst lent the rifle to the robbers to be used in the robbery.

Two other men, both of Blytheville, Ark., are being held here, while a third implicated is in jail in the Arkansas town under another charge.

Perkins, in his confession, admits receiving \$1000 in liberty bonds and \$50 in cash from the robbery, but says he does not know whether the police received any of the money.

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## JEROME DOVER FUNERAL WEDNESDAY MORNING

The funeral of Jerome Dover, who died in Chicago Sunday morning, was held at the Methodist Church Wednesday morning, Rev. Ensor officiating. The text was: "I am the Resurrection and the Light" from the Gospel of St. John, 11th chapter.

The order of service was organ prelude "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"—Mrs. H. J. Welsh. Solo, "Face to Face"—Mrs. Green Lescher. Quartette, "Wonderful Peace"—Ralph Anderson, J. N. Ross, Mrs. Lescher, Miss Marjorie Smith.

The ushers were Misses Martha Gresham, Clara Lindley, Sara Malone and Ruth Denman.

The pall bearers were friends and companions of his youth and were: Bill Sikes, T. A. Wilson, Roblee Lennox, Joe Bowman, Emory Matthews and Harry Young.

After the concluding ceremony in the cemetery, the body was placed in the mausoleum to await the Resurrection Day.

## GET-TOGETHER MEETING AT BAPTIST CHURCH

One of the most enjoyable meetings held in Sikeston for a long time was the Get-Together Meeting at the Baptist Church Wednesday of this week.

During the program Rev. S. P. Brite gave a short devotional, following which were talks by Deacons W. C. Bowman, W. R. Burks and J. H. Tyer. Special songs, duets, solos and the choir, gave pleasure to the assembly.

During the evening \$185.35 was collected to apply on outstanding bills. Owing to bad colds and other ailments kept many away, though about 70 were present. Refreshments were served and those present pronounced it a splendid social and financial success and are wishing many more such occasions.

## OPEN MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club will hold an open meeting at the home of Mrs. Joe Parker, Tuesday, January 19. Mrs. E. C. Matthews, who is the hostess, will be assisted by Miss Audrey Chaney, Mesdames C. L. Malone, A. J. Matthews, Marion McFarland, A. J. Moore, R. D. Mow, F. B. Newton, M. G. Gresham, J. E. Smith, Sr., F. S. Corzine, F. M. Sikes, F. A. Helgate, C. D. Matthews, and E. J. Keith.

Mrs. C. H. Denman is leader for the day and will have on her program Miss Winifred Johnson, of the Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, who will deliver an address.

All friends of the Club are urged to be present.

## HOUSE GETS BILL TO GIVE ST. LOUISIANS BRIDGE JOB

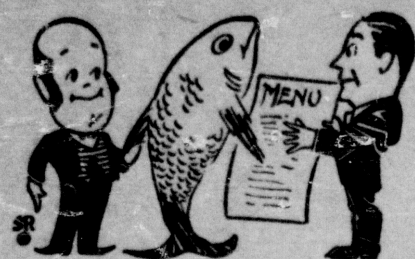
Washington, January 11.—Representative Denison of Illinois today introduced a bill to grant to Harry E. Bovay, Arkansas, and representing St. Louis financial interests, a contract to construct two bridges at Cairo, Ill.

One bridge would be across the Mississippi to connect Cairo with Missouri points, and the other would cross the Ohio River to connect with Kentucky points.

The measure would provide for the purchase at the end of twenty years of either or both of the bridges by the State or Federal Government.

In a recent issue of The Standard the editor expressed his opinion as to needed changes in city ordinances and fines imposed by said ordinances, in order to secure sufficient funds in the city treasury for many needed improvements and repairs. Judge W. S. Smith, police judge, thought perhaps some people would think the article was directed at him for the many small fines that he has imposed while in the position of police judge. The Standard will state that there was nothing further from the editor's mind than to cast reflection on the officer, for he is working under ordinances as they now exist, which give latitude in fines from \$1.00 up. Judge Smith will be a candidate for reelection and The Standard gladly makes the above explanation as we have no desire to criticize his action as an officer for we believe he is thoroughly conscientious in the justice he deals out.





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Since I have secured a position on the Post Office and Post Roads Committee, I have been showered with requests from the newspapers all over the country to oppose the Government printed envelopes. The bill introduced in this connection has not yet reached our Committee. I observe it will have some rough sledding and possibly will meet the same fate as former bills of this nature. I wish to say to the newspapers of my district, however, that I shall favor and vigorously urge that the Government get out of this envelope business. I am dropping this letter to the newspapers of my district so that you need have no further worries about my position.—R. E. Bailey, M. C.

The farmer asks for better cash prices for his surplus products and the administration at Washington comes back with a promise to get him more credits. This is quite in contrast to what the same administration says when the manufacturer asks for better prices. There's a reason, too. The manufacturer will not furnish votes or campaign contributions without satisfactory reward. A large majority of the farmers vote 'er straight regardless of consequences.—Paris Appeal.

At this time it looks as though the same men will be on the ticket for re-election to city offices. C. E. Felker, as mayor, has made us a very satisfactory mayor and has accomplished all that could possibly be done in the way of improvements with the money at hand. While the Council may be classed as conservative, they have been sufficiently progressive to permit the citizens to vote bonds for a sanitary sewer service. As soon as this important service has been finished, they will then follow with the paving of several important streets already passed on. Malone Avenue to the new Frisco station is badly in need of rebuilding, all agree, but just how the money can be secured is a question to be threshed out by property owners on this thoroughfare with the Council. No complaint is made against any member that has come to the hearing of The Standard. The present collector is a candidate for re-election and we doubt if he will have any opposition. He has made as good an officer as we have ever had, is familiar with the duties and will undoubtedly succeed himself. The present chief of police will undoubtedly have strong opposition and should be defeated as he is not qualified for the position. He gives no heed to orders or instructions from either the Council or the Mayor and let's the law take its course. He is too afraid of hurting the feelings of law breakers by making arrests and they have neither fear or respect for him. His moral standing in the community is high—he just lacks the qualifications that go to make the kind of chief of police that is needed.

Death is an unwelcome visitor to any home, but in due course of time it will come to us all. There is sadness and heartaches in the home of our friend J. E. Dover caused by the sudden visit of death to one of this large family. This seems close to us as each family consisted of five boys and three girls and all about grown and useful citizens. It has been but a short time since one of our own family was sick unto death, but was spared. In our heartaches the sympathy extended was greatly appreciated and to this stricken family the same is true. It matters not the size of the family, the place in the hearts of parents can never be filled after the passing of a loved one. Time alone can heal the wounds caused by death and leave behind but pleasant memories of the babe, the youth and the manhood of the departed.

Shouldn't we take a lesson from the Jew in business methods? To quote a man of that race, we might support the business until it is able to support us, by doing without the luxuries, we as Americans, think so necessary, until such a time as we are able to buy them without the burden of debt. The Jews have the reputation of being the most considerate of husbands, but there are ways of being that without buying or borrowing money to buy, something which adds one more burden to an already burdened man.

A man who has money may commit crimes and get by with it, but he certainly hasn't the love and confidence of the people, and what trait do we enjoy any more than that of honesty and dependableness?

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There are always fat years and lean years in crops, aren't there? And the lean years always absorb all that is left from the fat ones, don't they? And the world at large has never been known to have more grain than it actually needed, has it? On answers to these questions all posted men are agreed. There is a great difference of opinion, however, about how to get a profitable price for such surplus as one section may have in a fat year or how to buy at a reasonable price in a lean year. This is because our statesmen and political economists are unfamiliar with what Joseph did in the land of Egypt under such circumstances. Those of you who have Bibles should dust them off and turn to the 41st chapter of Genesis, the first book of the volume. Under Joseph's direction, it will be seen, the Government took over the surplus in fat years, stored it in elevators or warehouses close to the place of production and, then, when lean years came, let it out as the need demanded. The only fault with this plan was that the Government took advantage of the situation, acquiring everything in the nation, even to the bodies of the inhabitants in exchange for grain when the lean years came. That this plan, with proper safeguards, could be followed with profit to both producers and consumers by our government in an emergency like that which now confronts the corn grower there is little doubt.—Paris Appeal.

"A lot of country newspapers", observes the Edina, Mo., Sentinel, "are machine pood, the typesetting machine or press they purchased some years ago are needing replacement with a new one and no money in the treasury to do it with. They have overlooked that word depreciation. Somewhat like others with an automobile, perhaps. The newspapers' machine being higher priced, in the \$4500 to \$5500 class, makes it worse. It would be a safe bet there is not a one in this part of the state which even has a fair start towards the payment of a new one. And so they mortgage the plant and go on right over again trying to pay out as they did the first time. Or else sell out. Something is going to happen—is happening. They can never do what they should for their communities the way they are operating. They will have to get on a better business basis some way. Country newspapers are departing faster than village blacksmiths".

The Standard is sending out statements to its readers giving their standing on the subscription books. This list has been neglected of late knowing our farmer friends have been hard pressed for ready cash, but this reason gives us no further worry as we are now pushed for ready cash. Heretofore little attention has been given to these statements, but we expect to drop many from our list unless remittance is made by February 1. These amounts are small, but in the aggregate mean quite a bit to the publisher and must be paid. A return addressed envelope will be sent with each statement in order that no delay may arise. We have tried to publish a readable paper and if you appreciate same, look pleasant and remit at once.

We see nothing in the Republican papers as to available timber in their party for Governor to succeed Mr. Baker and The Standard will not hesitate to point out to them a seasoned bit of timber that would neither break down nor bend, and that is our fellow-townsmen C. D. Matthews. He knows big business and he knows little business and that makes him better fitted for a real executive than any man mentioned by either party. Some of these days the people are going to look for service instead of political spoils and when that time comes, look out for C. D. Matthews. There are neither rotten spots nor shakes in this piece of timber and The Standard will charge nothing for presenting an honest business man for their consideration.

As usual, the Democrats of the State are preparing for a walk-over for the Republicans this fall. Four patriots are ready to sacrifice themselves on the political altar whether they are fit or not, or wanted or not. Hawes and Meredith have already started a fight that will not down. Judge Cockrell is saying "Sic 'em" and sawing wood. A party by the name of Young of St. Joe, who ran on a wet platform once before, is out of liquor and is now a dry candidate. It will be a merry old fight that will end by all four of them staying at home.

How would you like to be the coal man with nothing to do but sell coal and take the money? Cold weather drives us to him whether we like it or not.

A newly-born calf was carried away off a Buckingham farm by a vixen, who carried it to her litter of cubs in a covert.

### MISSOURI'S 1925 CROP INVOICE

Jefferson City, January 13.—The grand total invoice value at the farm of the 1925 Missouri field, truck, fruits and pasture crops is \$356,647,720 compared to the farm value of \$370,404,890, or 3.7 per cent less than in 1924, while the total field and truck crop acreage was 15,077,600 acres against 14,540,320 acres in 1924 which was 37 per cent more, according to E. A. Logan, Agricultural Statistician of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Jewell Mayes, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

The acreage in 1925 of the five leading crops—corn, tame hay, oats, wheat and cotton was 14,132,000 against 13,600,000 in 1924, which is 94 per cent of the 1925 total Missouri acreage in crops. Reduction in total values at farm of corn, hay and cotton was not overcome by advances in wheat, fruit and truck crops. Principal increases in crop acreages grown for 192 were in corn, oats and wheat, but decrease is noted in hay and other forage crops.

The following is detailed summary of production and total value of Missouri farm crops for year ending December 31, 1925:

Corn—6,825,000 acres, 29.5 bushels per acre, 201,338,000 bushels, 69 cents per bushel, value \$138,923,220.

Winter Wheat—1,664,000 acres, 13.2 bushels per acre, 21,965,000 bushels, value \$32,947,500.

Spring Wheat—7,000 acres, 16 bushels per acre, 112,000 bushels, \$1.50 per bushel, value \$168,000.

Oats—1,891,000 acres, 26.0 bushels per acre, 49,166,000 bushels, 44 cents per bushel, value \$21,633,040.

Barley—5,000 acres, 31 bushels per acre, 155,000 bushels, 95 cents per bushel, value \$147,250.

Rye—25,000 acres, 12 bushels per acre, 300,000 bushels, \$1.20 per bushel, value \$360,000.

Buckwheat—1000 acres, 14 bushels per acre, 14,000 bushels, 90 cents per bushel, value \$12,600.

Flaxseed—1000 acres, 7.5 bushels per acre, 7500 bushels, \$1.90 per bushel, value \$15,000.

Rice—4000 acres, 65 bushels per acre, 260,000 bushels, \$1.55 per bushel, value \$403,000.

Tame Hay—3,258,000 acres, 1.10 tons per acre, 3,584,000 tons, \$12.80 per ton, value \$45,875,200.

Prairie Hay—130,000 acres, .86 tons per acre, 112,000 tons, \$9.00 per ton, value \$1,008,000.

Cowpea Hay—45,000 acres, 1.55 tons per acre, 69,000 tons, \$9.00 per ton, value \$621,000.

Soybean Hay—96,000 acres, 1.50 tons per acre, 144,000 tons \$9.00 per ton, value \$1,296,000.

Grain Sorghum Forage—132,000 acres, 3.25 tons per acre, 429,000 tons, \$9.00 per ton, value \$3,861,000.

Cotton Lint—487,000 acres, 260 pounds per acre, 126,920,000 pounds, 12.5 cents per pound value \$16,250,000.

Cottonseed—487,000 acres, 520 lbs. per acre, 254,840 tons, \$25 per ton, value \$6,371,000.

Potatoes—88,000 acres, 57 bushels per acre, 5,016,000 bushels, \$2.25 per bushel value \$11,286,000.

Sweet Potatoes—6000 acres, 95 bushels per acre, 570,000 bushels, \$1.65 per bushel, \$940,500.

Sorgo Syrup—22,000 acres, 76 gal. per acre, 1,672,000 gal., \$1.02 per gal., value \$1,705,440.

Beans—3000 acres, 5.5 bushels per acre, 16,500 bushels, \$4.20 per bushel, value \$69,300.

Cabbage—900 acres, 6 tons per acre, 5400 tons, \$38 per ton, value \$205,200.

Peanuts—300 acres, 13.5 bushels per acre, 4050 bushels, \$2 per bushel, value \$8100.

Broomcorn—2500 acres, 34 0lbs. per acre, 475 tons, \$210 per ton, value \$99,750.

Tobacco—5000 acres, 815 lbs. per acre, 4,075,000 pounds, 27 cents per lb., value \$1,100,250.

Sunflower—6000 acres, 500 lbs. per acre, 3,000,000 pounds, 3 cents per pound, value \$90,000.

Clover seed—20,000 acres, 1.50 bu. per acre, 30,000 bushels, \$13.60 per bu., value \$408,000.

Alfalfa seed—3000 acres, 2.60 bu. per acre, 8000 bu., \$13.75 per bu., value \$110,000.

Timothy Seed—90,000 acres, 4.0 bushels per acre, 360,000 bu., \$3.35 per bushel, value \$1,386,000.

Cowpea seed—37,000 acres, 10 bu. per acre, 370,000 bu., \$2.50 per bu., value \$925,000.

Soybean seed—109,000 acres, 11.6 bu. per acre, 1,264,000 bushels, \$2.30 per bu., value \$2,907,200.

Grain Sorghum Seed—57,000 acres, 15 bushels per acre, 855,000 bu., \$1.25 per bu., value \$1,068,750.

Tomatoes for canning—28,680 a., 3.7 tons per acre, 106,800 tons, \$13.52 per ton, value \$1,433,120.

Tomatoes fresh for table use—3000 acres, 100 bu. per acre, 300,000 bu., 80 cents per bushel, value \$240,000.

Cucumbers—2000 acres, 150 bu. per acre, 300,000, 70 cents per bu., value \$210,000.

Apples, farm crop—2,162,000 bu., \$1.30 per bu., \$2,810,600.

Watermelons, commercial crop—9,020 acres, 3,150 cars, \$290 per car, value \$913,500.

Cantaloupes—200 acres, 60 crates per acre, 12,000 crates, \$1.25 per crate, \$15,000.

Strawberries—14,000 acres, 1650 quarts per acre, 23,100,000 quarts, 19 cents per qt. \$3,696,000.

Apples commercial crop—646,000 barrels, \$3.90 per barrel, \$2,519,400.

Peaches—870,000 bu., \$1.80 per bu., \$1,566,000.

Pears—342,000 bu., \$1.20 per bu., \$410,400.

Grapes—11,520,000 pounds, 2.95 cents per pound, \$339,400.

Fruit and garden crops—260,484 farms, \$65 per farm, \$16,931,460.

Pasture, bluegrass and cultivated grasses—7,552,000 acres, \$3.50 per acre season, \$26,432,000.

Pasture woodland and semi-improved land—5,183,000 acres, \$1.50 per acre per season, \$7,774,500.

Pasture, raw and undeveloped land—4,250,000 acres, 50 cents per acre per season, \$2,125,000.

The Missouri taxpayer of today pays a state property tax less than one-sixth of the state rate levied sixty years ago. The total state rate today is 11c on the \$100 assessed valuation. In 1866 the state rate was 70c. In both cases the state also had an income tax and in 1866 there was a state poll tax of \$1.00 on males between the ages of 21 years and 50 years of age. The 70c state rate of 1866 was divided into a 30c levy to pay off the Union military bonds and a 40c levy for state government and state interest expenditures. No part of the general state tax revenue in 1867 was apportioned among the schools.

Where does the dog sleep these cold days? Is his house warm? This is no kind of weather to sleep in a barrel whose seams are wide open to the wind and rain. A dog catches cold and takes pneumonia and suffers and dies exactly as humans do under the same circumstances. I saw a shivering animal tied to an old barrel in which there was not even an old rag for a bed. That is scarcely human. Either give the dog a comfortable warm house and bed or send him somewhere to get proper care.—Angelo Patri.

Mount Jobe, one of the highest peaks of the Northern Canadian Rockies, was named in honor of Mrs. Carl Akeley, wife of the African explorer and formerly Miss Mary L. Jobe.

### SPRING STYLES

Reversible coats will be a boom to us who can afford only one. The materials will be mostly taffetas, chiffons and velvets. One in good taste is black on one side and gray on the other, but brilliant colorings will also be used.

Rumor has it, that bustles will return and Riviera fashion promoters are making a lot of "the jelly bag bustle frock".

Recent propaganda is the "return of curved waists and plump figures". Surely will be a relief to those who have so religiously taken reducing exercises the past few years.

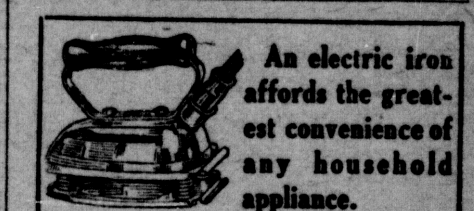
Pleats and more pleats seem to be the thing.

A movement is on foot to lengthen skirts, but that will be hard to do when doctors and women are "agin it". Freedom of throat, legs and

waist are too comfortable to give up without a struggle.

New potatoes are harmful if eaten before they are rip enough.

London's birth rate in 1924 was 18.6 per 1000, as compared with 20. in 1923 and 20.9 in 1922.



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**St. Francis Xavier Church.**  
Hours of Masses: Sundays, 7:30 and 9:30. Week days, 7:30.  
T. R. WOODS, Pastor.

**Methodist Church.**  
9:30—Sunday School.  
10:40—Junior Congregation.  
11:00—Morning services. Subject: "The Unearned Throne".  
6:30—Intermediate and Senior Epworth Leagues.  
7:30—Evening services. Subject: "Keeping the Vineyard".  
You are cordially invited to these services.

REV. ENSOR, Pastor

**Nazarene Church**  
9:45—Sunday School.  
11:00—Preaching.  
6:30—Young people's meeting.  
7:30—Preaching.  
The public is invited to attend all services.

J. L. COX, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church**  
Meets Sunday in the new building on Matthews Avenue.  
9:45—Sunday School.  
11:00—Morning worship.  
You are invited to these services.

H. L. SAUNDERS, Pastor.

**Baptist Church**  
9:30—Sunday School.  
11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.  
6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Both Senior and Intermediate. Meet for Bible Study.  
7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor.

You are invited to all our services and cordially welcome.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor

**First Christian Church**  
9:45—Bible School.  
10:45—Morning Worship. Subject: "Christian Education".  
6:30—Christian Endeavor.  
7:30—Evening Worship. Subject: "Living Waters".  
Mid-week worship, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
The public invited to all services.

E. B. HENSLEY, Pastor.

**Lutheran Church**  
Service at Miner Switch  
10:30—Morning Services. Subject: "The First Miracle of Jesus".  
All are invited to attend our service.  
E. H. KOEBER, Pastor

## THE HOME PAPER BEST

"Irreverent shears are never laid upon the President's home town paper. That is the greatest newspaper that comes to the White House, and the President wants it all!"—Tomahawk, Wis., Lender.

The population of every great city is largely made up of men and women from small towns. Many of them are never weaned away from the old home surroundings and they read the home town paper from the first paragraph to the last. That is the reason the rural papers of America have such a far-reaching influence in safeguarding the ideals and traditions of our constitutional form of government and what it stands for.

With a capitalization of \$2,500,000, the American Train Dispatchers' Association has entered the banking field in Chicago, following the successful lead of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in several places. They will hold the stock themselves, but will employ professional bankers to run the details of the business. This is the shortest and surest way to bring business and labor together.

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## MINNER TRIED AS PARTY TO NEW YEAR DUEL

Essex, January 14.—The first legal battle to fix responsibility for the slaying of Charles F. McMullin, wealthy Sikeston landowner, was underway in justice court today.

Richard Minner, riding boss for McMullin, and his companion on New Year day when the latter was shot and fatally wounded by Frank Riley, La Valle tenant farmer, was on trial, charged with felonious assault on Riley.

When Minner was arrested at Sikeston on a warrant issued in justice court here, it was the first intimation that he had any direct connection with the shooting, in which Riley was also seriously injured. An affidavit for Minner's arrest was made by Allen Royal, farm hand of Riley's who claims to have been an eye witness to the tragedy. That Minner was responsible for the shooting of Riley, was expected to be Royal's testimony at the hearing.

The hearing was expected to be attended by friends of all the principals in the shooting, Sikeston sending many friends of the slain man to the trial.

Prosecuting Attorney C. A. Powell, who said the warrant against Minner was issued without his knowledge, is being assisted in the trial by attorneys, who, it is understood, will represent Frank Riley in the state's murder trial against him. On the other hand, Minner is represented by attorneys who will undoubtedly assist the state in the prosecution of the murder charge against Riley.

Riley was not present at the hearing, it being reported that his wounds have not sufficiently healed. Many of his friends from the La Valle district were present, however.

The charge that McMullin was killed because of his knowledge of illicit liquor operations in the La Valle district has been made openly by friends of the Sikeston man. A minister of Sikeston, in a sermon Sunday night, made the direct charge that McMullin was a "marked man" in the La Valle district, and that his death could be laid directly to the liquor traffic.

The prominence of Mr. McMullin and Riley's past record has caused the affair to gain unusual notice. Riley lived on a farm owned by McMullin. The argument resulting in the tragedy is said to have been over a question of feeding the livestock, according to reports.

Main prosecuting witness did not appear so the trial was continued until January 28. A large number of Sikeston people were there.

## SEEKS NONPARTISAN ACTION ON TAX BILL

Washington, January 12.—Non-partisan action by the Senate on the House revenue bill, to assure its enactment before March 15, when first income tax installments are due, is, in the opinion of President Coolidge, highly desirable.

He believes the program the Senate Finance Committee demands, for an increase of \$170,000,000 over the total of the tax reduction provided by the House measure, would be unwise from an economic standpoint and would involve a party fight, which might delay prompt action.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the committee, announced today, however, that, although the committee had rejected the plan for an increased reduction, he expected to gain enough support in the Senate for its adoption.

At the same time, he insisted that a fight for adoption of the amendments proposed by the minority members would not be permitted to prevent final action on the bill before March 1, the present program of leaders of both parties.

Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee announced he would ask the Senate to start consideration of the bill as soon as it can be presented by the committee, probably next week.

## GREEN LESCHER SELLS PAPER ROUTE TO BLUFF MAN

Green Lescher has sold his paper route in Sikeston to Bobbie Robertson of Poplar Bluff. Mr. Robertson is connected with the Energy Coal Co. in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Lescher will go West for Mrs. Lescher's health, as this climate does not agree with her. Of all the men who have handled the daily papers in this city, Green Lescher has given superior service to any of them. He was ably assisted by Mrs. Lescher, who usually accompanied him in the car.

Screws, especially the smallest sizes, are being very extensively stolen railway carriages. Window strips are also "popular booty" among the less scrupulous passengers.

## NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Farm Loan Association Has Annual Meeting

The New Madrid County Farm Loan Association held its annual meeting Tuesday morning at the office of the Farm Bureau. A discussion of past years business was had and a dividend of 30 per cent of the unpaid accumulated dividends was declared. The board of directors for the coming year was elected. The men elected to this board were: E. V. Jewett, Parma; George M. Meier, Parma; T. L. Bierbower, Malden; J. J. Klipfel, Portageville and Sam R. Shy, New Madrid. Following the adjournment of the meeting, the new board of directors met and elected their officers. E. V. Jewett, president; George M. Meier, vice-president; Scott M. Julian, Secretary-Treasurer. Loan Committee: Sam R. Shy, J. J. Klipfel and George Meier.

## Soybeans and Sweet Clover Growing in Popularity

It has become very evident that soybeans, heretofore an unground crop in New Madrid county, and sweet clover are rapidly growing in popularity. In 1924 there was less than 30 acres of soybeans and in 1925 over 1000. Although many farmers in attempting to save seed lost some beans, nevertheless, there has not been a one who grew them last year who does not want to grow them this year and are very enthusiastic about them. In every case they prefer them as a hay to cowpeas. Two of the outstanding successful varieties are the Laredo and Virginia. Both of these have done exceedingly well in New Madrid County. Paul H. Teal of Morehouse, has just reported a late planted acre of Virginia as yielding 23 bushels of seed besides a good bit of hay. J. K. Robbins of Marston had over a 100 acres planted to this crop including the Laredo and Midwest varieties. One of his fields was estimated at blooming time as having four tons of hay on it. It is quite evident that there will be a goodly increase of acreage in this crop this year, part of which will be due to the fact that cowpeas are unavailable. Sweet clover is also becoming in demand. Even the dry weather last year prevented outstanding success, nevertheless, the results obtained by the farmers have encouraged them to plant more. Both crops are adapted to Southeast Missouri—both are soil builders of the first water and both will prove to satisfy a long felt need of the farmers.

The date for an election to choose his successor has not yet been fixed.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The Federal Farm Loan and Joint Land Banks came into existence for the purpose of furnishing farmers money at less than commercial rates. Time has demonstrated that they cannot make money grow on trees or save an incompetent farmer from the result of his own ignorance or folly. But these federal loan agencies financed through tax-exempt bonds, have furnished the stimulus which has encouraged private bankers and private investors to study the farm loan question in a more serious manner and evolve better and more efficient methods of furnishing the farmer money.

Public regulation and economic conditions forced the public utilities to adopt the customer and employee ownership method of financing their properties. It is altogether probable that private enterprise as a result of changing farm problems may evolve a system of financing farm loans on a somewhat similar basis, namely, selling farm securities to the public in small amounts through a general holding or investing company which deals in farm mortgages. Why not? It is being done in banking and public utility securities. Is it impossible to figure out a somewhat similar system for farms?

## \$15,345,000 POWER PROJECT APPROVED BY STATE BOARD

Jefferson City, January 13.—The State Public Service Commission today granted the Missouri Hydro-Electric Power Co., a certificate of public convenience and necessity to build and operate a hydro-electric power plant on the Osage River, near Bagnell, Mo. The certificate is conditioned upon the power company obtaining the consent of Miller, Camden, Morgan and Benton Counties, in which the proposed water impounding reservoir, 100 miles in length, would be built.

The estimated cost of the dam and power plant is \$15,345,000. An application of the company for approval of its proposed financing plan, involving the issuance of approximately \$19,000,000 in securities, still is pending before the commission, but action on it has been deferred at the request of the company.

The company proposes to erect the dam five miles above Bagnell, in Miller County. The plans provide a dam 2360 feet in length and 136 feet in height and wide enough at the top for State highways Nos. 15 and 5 to cross it. The lake that would be formed would have a shore line of approximately 970 miles, and would submerge 53,400 acres of land, including the town of Linn Creek, county seat of Camden County.

Walter Cravens, president of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, is president of the company, and Ralph Street of Kansas City is vice-president.

## MASONS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR, WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The duly elected officers of the Masonic Lodge, were installed Wednesday night by G. A. Sample, District Lecturer. The officers are as follows: Worshipful Master—J. H. Hayden. Senior Warden—T. C. Dye. Junior Warden—Rufus Reed. Secretary—A. A. Harrison. Treasurer—Ralph Anderson. Chaplain—A. B. Dill. Marshal—F. E. Mount. Senior Deacon—Harry Dudley. Junior Deacon—Jean Hirschberg. Senior Steward—Wade Shankle. Junior Steward—L. R. Burns. Tiler—A. C. Johnson.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO GREER HOME THURSDAY

The Sikeston Fire Department did some real fire fighting Thursday afternoon, when they were called to the G. B. Greer home. The roof had presumably caught fire from the flue and a place about eight feet square was burned. Owing to the quick work of the fire department, no other damage was done.

## LANGLEY URGES WIFE'S ELECTION TO CONGRESS

Pikeville, Ky., January 13.—An appeal to his constituents to elect his wife to Congress was made in a statement that Representative John W. Langley left to be made public today, following his departure last night in a taxicab for Williamson, W. Va., en route to Covington, Ky. Friends say they understand he was going to surrender to the United States Marshal, who is to take him to the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary to serve a two-year term.

Langley, who resigned from Congress Monday, after losing his appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, in his plea for Mrs. Langley to succeed him from the Tenth District, said he was heavily in debt and his home mortgaged, and reiterated his denial of guilt of the charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law.

The date for an election to choose his successor has not yet been fixed.

## A QUESTIONABLE REMEDY

Compulsory automobile insurance is proposed to reduce automobile accidents and to compensate those who have received injury or lost life thru the fault of operators of automobiles who are financially irresponsible and unable to pay money damage.

A survey of automobile accidents in the city of Cleveland shows that in only 39 per cent of cases investigated were automobile drivers held to blame for accidents.

Using this example as a basis for figuring, Edward C. Stone, of the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, applies it to a state like Massachusetts, which has about four million population. He makes his comparisons from official figures as to accidents, insured cars, and financially responsible drivers.

The startling conclusion which he shows is that this supposedly remedial legislation would be saddled upon all automobile owners to compel them to do certain things because of the irresponsible action of some 3000 persons in a state like Massachusetts, where there are some 700,000 automobile operators.

Would a compulsory insurance law tend to create carelessness on the part of a careless or irresponsible person? It would probably have just the opposite effect, by relieving such drivers of all possible responsibility. Such a compulsory law would undoubtedly build up an enormous political machine to administer it under a state fund.

The thing most essential today is to reduce the number of accidents, and not to make it easier to have an accident at the expense of somebody else.

Unable to speak a word of each other's language, a Hungarian man married a Rumanian bride. They each speak a little English, and eke this out by making signs.

The city of Cleveland has more telephones than all of Norway. There are about as many telephones in the state of Washington as in the whole of Austria and Belgium put together.

The destruction of about 3,000,000 prairie dogs and other rodents in northern Arizona in the course of a recent poisoning campaign has, it is estimated, increased the forage production of the area by more than 76,000 tons. The Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which, in co-operation with the State Agricultural Extension Service, inaugurated and directed the campaign against the prairie dogs, points out that if this forage were valued at only 50 cents a ton its worth would be about \$38,000. Clearing the area cost less than 4 cents an acre. As a result of the campaign, one wolf grower was able to place 6,000 more sheep on the range. Another completely exterminated the prairie dogs on 50,000 acres at about 1 cent an acre. Many alfalfa growers on the Prescott Farm project have increased their alfalfa yield more than a third in the same way.

## FRANC FORGERIES SEQUEL TO A WAR PLAN OF GERMANY

London, January 10.—The French 1000-franc notes, forged in Budapest, which are creating an international scandal, are believed in well-informed quarters to have been prepared in Munich as a war measure by the German Government late in 1917, but never used.

These plates were made after a conference between German and Austro-Hungarian financial experts as to the best means of attacking allied credit. It was desired to forge Bank of England notes, but this was rejected, as it was impossible to duplicate the water mark and paper. The French notes were selected as the next best war measure.

When the war began to go badly for Germany the plot was not carried out through fear of financial reprisals after peace, and the French secret service, which got wind of the plot in Switzerland, attempted after the armistice to locate the plates. These were traced from Munich to Budapest in 1919. There all trace of them was lost.

During the negotiation of the Treaty of Trianon in 1290 the French asked Hungary to find and return the plates, but the latter after an investigation declared that they could not be found. It is now assumed that the group of Hungarian plotters who started forging 1000-franc notes used the old Munich plates prepared by official engravers of the German Government, which produced a forgery practically impossible to detect.

It is not true that the Hungarians have recently circulated forged Czech and Serbian notes. But in 1920 they did forge Czech notes, not to attack Czech credit but to distribute them to Slovak and Magyar agitators inside former Hungarian territory that had been ceded to Czechoslovakia.

The Czechs protested and the men were arrested in Vienna and afterwards released. Both of these men have now been rearrested in Hungary in connection with the franc plot.

## YOU SHOULD WORRY

A misguided newspaper editor in the East not long ago advised his readers never to worry when they heard of a fire occurring because the insurance companies are well able to pay their losses.

It should be realized by everyone that all property destroyed by the flames is a definite loss to society, that insurance companies can only pay their claims from premiums collected from the public and, furthermore, that high losses make high rates. Consequently, everyone should worry when fire breaks out because everyone pays the bill, either directly or indirectly, whether insured or uninsured.

This should be obvious since fire premiums, like taxes, are part of the overhead of every business—whether it be baking or candlestick making—and must be added to the price of merchandise.

What does this editor say when fire destroys a large factory supplying the chief means of livelihood for a whole town and throws thousands of people out of work? Does he advise the operatives not to worry about their food and rent while waiting wageless for the factory to be rebuilt, but to place ruby lenses in their spectacles and join the Pollyannas? Probably not, yet such conditions are among the results of fire, witnessed not rarely, but with regrettable frequency.

Last, but not least, fire causes thousands of terrible, disfiguring injuries and much loss of life.

Leo Becker, one of the firm of the Mary Jane Peach Orchard and a resident of St. Louis, was a business visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

The balance existing between demand and supply of labor reflects the general stability of the country's business. Where there is a job there is a man to take it, and where there is a worker unemployed there is a place waiting for him, reports the United States Employment Service.

## ITEMS OF INTERES FROM OVER MISSOURI

Trenton—Junior Poultry Club organized recently, by Grand River Valley Poultry Association.

Mexico—Streets around square to be resurfaced.

Fulton—Work of repairing state highway No. 2 between here and Columbia, progressing rapidly.

Pattonburg—5 cars stock shipped from here recently.

Trenton—New junior college may be established in connection with high school.

Center—Four carloads poultry shipped to New York City markets recently.

Carthage—Missouri Pacific Railroad to double-track White River line from here to Cotter or Batesville, Arkansas.

Cameron—Movement on foot for establishing canning factory here.

Carthage—New dry milk plant proposed for this place.

Grain Valley—High school building recently destroyed by fire, to be rebuilt.

Carthage—Paving work progressing rapidly on Highway No. 14.

Pierce City—Pierce City Live Stock Association shipped carload stock recently.

St. James—Much stock being shipped from here.

Exeter—Construction of new community house to begin soon.

Vineland—New sawmill located here.

Lee's Summit—Contract to be let for improving Jackson County Park, near here.

Owensville—Work begun on new factory building of Locking Zinc Shingle Manufacturing Co.

Vineland—Dr. Gibson shipped carload cattle recently.

La Belle—Electric lighting system to be rebuilt.

Princeton—Stock shipments unusually heavy.

Sellman—New community house to be built.

Joplin—Underwriters' Land Co. and Consolidated Lead & Zinc Co., merge. Caruthersville—"Democrat Argus" installs new linotype.

Gower—New rock road opened between this place and St. Joseph.

Marshfield—This city to have new overall factory.

Boonville—Local utility company announces plans for doubling capacity of plant.

Chillicothe—Plans prepared for new city hall.

Manchester—18-hole golf course to be feature of Manchester Hill project.

St. Francois—New boiler plant being erected for National Lead Co.

Larussell—Ozark Utilities Corporation planning to establish plant on Adams Mill site.

Ozark—Plans under way for forming poultry association here.

Wyatt—Buildings recently destroyed by fire, to be replaced.

Hamilton—City votes to pave five blocks of main streets.

East Prairie—Stave mill employing between 50 and 60 men, completed here recently.

Trenton—Cousins Lumber Company sold to McGee Lumber Co., of Richmond.

Orriek—Atlas Lumber plant recently destroyed by fire, to be rebuilt.

Moberly—Highway No. 7 from here to Hinton, will be paved.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

The Catholic ladies will give a dinner Wednesday, January 20, in the basement of the Court House. Everybody invited.

The third number of the lyceum course will present Emma Dee Daniels at the Dixie Theatre, Tuesday night, January 19. These numbers are given under the auspices of the Catholic ladies.

At a negro dance, about two miles from New Madrid, on Hal Hunter's place, a dark woman was shot and seriously wounded by another colored woman by the name of Lorene Strong. One had stepped on the other's foot, which started the difficulty, and the Strong woman went out to the car and got a gun and came back in the house and shot the woman in the breast, the bullet lodging in the back, just below the shoulder blade. She was taken to a hospital in Memphis. The Strong woman fled and went to a house, and as yet, has not been found, but T. L. Watson, a colored man, has been arrested for assisting in her get-away, as it is stated he drove her to Sikeston. Watson is in jail.

The Masonic Lodge held a meeting at the hall Monday, with the following officers elected as follows:

Robert H. Bierchwal—Master Mason.

S. M. Julian—Senior Warden.

J. M. Miles—Junior Warden.

M. F. Ehlers—Treasurer.

Wm. Buesching—Secretary.

Those appointed were as follows:

Dr. W. N. O'Bannon—Senior Deacon.

H. Schroff—Junior Deacon.

H. G. Sharp—Senior Steward.

Alfred Stepp—Junior Steward.

C. M. Barnes, Marshal.

Conner Fleming—Tiler.

C. M. Shellenberger—Chaplain.

Several lodges were represented.

and James A. Kinder and L. G. Stov-

all of Cape Girardeau, were present and assisted in the work. A fine banquet was served.

The Eastern Star lodge held an installation of officers at the hall Tuesday night, as follows:

Nancy Mecklem—Worthy Matron.

C. M. Shellenberger—Worthy Patron.

Mrs. Fannie Fine—Associate Matron.

Wm. Buesching—Treasurer.

Eloise Mathewson—Secretary.

Mabel Mecklem—Conductress.

Mrs. Irene Buchanan—Associate Conductress.

Mrs. Annie Sheehy—Adah.

Mrs. Bessie V. Perkins—Ruth.

Mrs. Mary E. Baynes—Esther.

Mrs. Icy Maude Miles—Martha.

Mrs. Ola Shellenberger—Chaplain.

Mrs. Birdie Ransburgh—Warden.

Mrs. Florence Ethel Stearns—Organist.

Mrs. Esther Buesching—Marshal.

Mrs. Quintis Richards—Sentinel.

Mrs. Bryant of Wilson, Ark., a member of the Eastern Star Order, was present. An elegant supper was served.

Sheriff Wade Tucker and Deputy George A. Babcock raided a still near Selkirk Tuesday, in operation by A. E. French and Clay McDaniel. A gallon of the liquor was brought to town along with the offenders, who were arrested and placed in jail.

Ralph Berryman visited his parents, of this city, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell and family and the former's mother, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, left Sunday for Eldorado, Ark., to make their home, where Mr. Mitchell is engaged in business. New Madrid regrets very much to see this estimable family leave.

Mesdames A. O. Cook, Eddy Phillips and Milton Mann and Misses Vivian Boone and Helen Phelan motored to St. Louis Thursday to attend "The Miracle".

Mrs. Irma Weigle of California, Mo., arrived Sunday on a visit to Mrs. C. C. Bock and other friends.

Mrs. H. Clay Hunter very graciously entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Sr., on Main Street, Tuesday. Mrs. Irma Weigle, being the successful player, was presented with a box of stationery, while the consolation prize, a China flower, went to Mrs. June C. St. Mary. Concluding a most pleasant time, the hostess served a very delightful luncheon, consisting of beef loaf, spaghetti, pineapple salad, olives, pickled peaches, rolls, coffee and candy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud spent last Sunday in Benton, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. J. Renner and family.

B. M. Jones left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Jonestown, Miss.

Mrs. Frank Wisdom, who spent several months with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Berryman of this city, left Sunday for her home in De Soto.

Mrs. John Q. Stevens returned last week from a visit with friends at Fredericktown and Cape Girardeau.

Attorney James A. Finch spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Perryville looking after professional matters.

Atty. Thos. Gallivan returned Tuesday from Ellsberry, Mo., where he was looking after farming interests.

A shooting affray occurred at the Blue Front restaurant Saturday night, the place being run by colored people, when Bill Hereford and Frank Reeves, both colored, got into a difficulty, and Reeves shot and seriously wounded Hereford, by shooting him in the right breast. Soon after the shooting, Reeves fled for parts unknown and his whereabouts have not been ascertained by the officers.

New Madrid high school basketball teams were entertained with a radio party at the home of L. Shainberg on Scott street, Tuesday evening.

### MINER SWITCH NEWS ITEMS

Quite a number are on the sick list in this community this week. Irwin Smoot is confined to his room with the flu, Cal Stevens is on the sick list and Herb Walton is improving some on last report.

Mrs. Eula Grigsby is visiting with friends in Sikeston this week.

George Palm, of St. Louis, arrived today to visit his sister and family Mrs. Roland Malcolm.

Thomas Smoot of Villa Ridge, Ill., is visiting at his son's home.

Rev. Patterson of Morley will preach at our church, Sunday night, January 17.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Smetts, Tuesday, January 12, a 10-pound boy.

P. J. Kaffin of Goldstone, called on Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stevens Tuesday.

E. G. Grigsby is having trouble with rheumatism, this week.

Miss Ere Grigsby is confined to her room this week with the flu.

Lelan Catledge is recovering from the flu.

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us at the time of the recent illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Betty Marshall.

The Family.

Reports to the United States Department of Agriculture from 43 State agricultural colleges show that 29 of these colleges are giving 47 courses of study which deal specially with agricultural co-operation. Eleven other colleges are giving 36 courses in which co-operative marketing is made part of the courses in marketing and economics.

### MAN IS HIT AT GRADE CROSSING

Thomas "Tommy" Rogers, 32, farmer of near Blodgett, sustained a fracture of the right leg at the knee, when the Ford touring car in which he was driving was hit by a north bound passenger train on the Missouri Pacific line, 1½ miles east of Blodgett, at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

An X-ray examination was made at a Cape Girardeau hospital, where he was brought at noon Wednesday, to determine the seriousness of the fracture. It was believed that the limb was badly mangled in the accident.

The young farmer was driving toward Blodgett alone and failed to see the approaching train when he drove onto the grade crossing as the auto curtains were drawn. The automobile was badly damaged in the wreck. Rogers being thrown to the side with the machine.

Rogers is a prosperous farmer. His wife and a number of citizens of Blodgett came here with the accident victim.—Cape Missourian.

### MILK BREAD RICH IN TASTE AND FOOD VALUE

There is a world of difference in the sound and in the taste of bread and milk and bread and water. Judged in several ways, there is a similar difference between bread made with milk and bread made with water.

Milk and wheat are an excellent food combination whether they are mixed before or after baking. The milk supplies food materials that the wheat lacks, and vice versa. Milk, for instance, happens to be particularly rich in calcium, while wheat contains very little. Calcium is a mineral that the body needs constantly for building and repairing bones, teeth, and other tissues. Unfortunately the average American diet is often rather low in calcium. Milk bread is therefore one way of giving the body a more generous supply of this valuable mineral. Bread made with milk also tastes richer and does not grow stale so rapidly as when water is used in mixing the dough.

When these facts were laid before the commercial bakers by their research department several years ago, many of them at once adopted a milk-bread formula. Consequently every year more of the loaves turned out by the commercial bakeries are made with at least some milk. To be sold as milk bread, at least one-third of the liquid used in mixing the dough must be milk, according to the standards of the United States Department of Agriculture. Homemade bread can practically always be all-milk bread, the department suggests in its new bulletin for home bakers.

If fresh milk is not available, evaporated or dried milk can be used with good effect by the home maker who bakes the family bread supply.

SEE A TUBERCULOSIS HOPE

New York, January 11.—Dr. H. J. Corper, international authority on tuberculosis and head of the research work of the Jewish national hospital in Denver, announced here yesterday his staff had shown a chemical factor which accounted for the marked susceptibility of the lungs to tuberculosis.

The problem, Dr. Corper said, was to find a chemical substance with which Nature apparently endowed the liver and made it able to prevent or throw off tuberculosis and use that substance to prevent infection of the lungs. He expressed the belief it was only a matter of time before this substance would be found.

### SENATE TO PERMIT NYE TO TAKE SEAT

Washington, January 12.—The Senate voted today to seat Gerald P. Nye as a senator for North Dakota.

His right to a seat in the Senate has been challenged on the ground that the North Dakota governor did not have authority to fill Senate vacancies by appointment. This challenge the Senate upset by a vote of 41 to 39.

The vote came after five days of discussion in which it was decided that politics dominated the decision because Nye was a Progressive.

A majority of the Senate elections committee held that Nye was not entitled to a seat.

Twenty-six Democrats joined 14 Republicans and one Farmer-Labor senator in voting to give Governor Sorlie's appointee his seat. Eight Democrats and 31 Republicans voted against it.

The new senator takes the place of the late Senator Edwin F. Ladd. Reed of Missouri, Democrat voted for seating and Williams of Missouri, Republican, voted against seating.

### KILL, ROB FIFTY ON TRAIN

The City of Mexico, January 11.—Fully fifty persons were murdered by the bandits who attacked and wrecked the Guadalajara-City of Mexico passenger train near Yurecuaro, in the state of Michoacan, Saturday night.

Penniless survivors, stripped of all their belongings, began arriving in Guadalajara today to tell a tale of horror unequalled in Mexico's criminal annals for years.

The dead include all the soldiers of the train guard, most of the crew and numerous Mexican passengers.

An unknown number of bandits was engaged. They boarded the train as passengers. When near Yurecuaro station they locked the doors of all the coaches, slit the throats of the train guards or shot them as they slept, and systematically knifed or shot most of the train crew.

They then began robbing the passengers, murdering every one who resisted. The survivors described the scene within the coaches as ghastly, the imprisoned passengers frantically beseeching for mercy, many only to be slashed to death at the whim of the bandits.

Several foreigners are said to have been in the Pullman car, including the manager of the Guadalajara branch of the Bank of Montreal. These passengers are reported to have escaped injury, although the Pullman was burned with the other cars when the bandits fled in the locomotive.

The bandits are reported to have obtained 300,000 pesos.

Relief trains bearing military reinforcements have been sent out from Guadalajara, the officers under orders to get the bandits, dead or alive.

Officials declare the perpetrators of the massacre must be captured at all costs.

### HOPE FOR SHOALS DECISION

Washington, January 11.—The Muscle Shoals issue will be settled at this session of congress, in the opinion of both Chairman Norris of the senate agriculture committee and Senator Underwood of Alabama, Democrat, leader of the opposing forces, over disposition of the property.

Senator Norris, who for five years has prevented senate action on the problem because of his demand for government operation, told the committee he no longer would fight senate action.

### SAVE THE OLD ROADS

Twenty-three thousand miles of highway were built to grade, or surfaced on state system in 1924, according to Bureau of Public Roads of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

It estimates that approximately half of the 251,610 miles of roads embraced in state highway systems were surfaced at the beginning of 1925, and that more than 17,000 miles were surfaced with some form of covering from sand, clay and gravel to sheet asphalt, asphaltic concrete and cement concrete during the single year of 1924.

With new surveys being added to the state systems yearly and with maintenance bills mounting on our present road systems, it is highly essential that old macadam and gravel roads be salvaged by applying a waterproof surface which will utilize the material already compacted by years of travel.

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#### Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Jennie E. Green, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of December, 1925, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

James S. Green and Mrs. Katie L. Cook,

Administrators.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,

Probate Judge.

#### Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Margaret Simpson, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 1st day of February, A. D., 1926.

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## AGRICULTURAL BUREAU DIRECTORS LOOK OVER FARMING CONDITIONS

Kennett, January 11.—Directors of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, in monthly session here, were entertained at a dinner by the Lions Club. W. F. D. Batjer, secretary of the Bureau, was introduced to a Kennett audience for the first time and made a fine impression with an address on the progress that is being made in the development of Southeast Missouri. He said he is working in the communities that call on him for assistance, and gave an idea of the work he is doing mainly in conjunction with farm agents.

E. C. Matthews, president of the Bureau, outlined the work of the organization and said the directors are doing all they can to promote the general interest of the district. To start with the Bureau gave most of its time to immigration work, the one object being to attract more people to this district. Much success was achieved, it was shown, but recently the economic and agricultural conditions have been so upset that not many worth-while farmers are changing their locations, and those who are being attracted by the gilded opportunities of Florida. Consequently the Bureau is devoting its main attention now to encouraging all Southeast Missourians to realize the unequalled advantages of this district and to induce the farmers to meet the change conditions by diversifying their crops. In some counties cotton must remain king, but at the same time other crops must be raised. The acreage of cotton must be reduced in order to provide for corn, hay, wheat and other very important crops, including fruits, and in this work Mr. Batjer is extending his greatest energies. "We want you to call on Secretary Batjer or this Bureau at any time he or we can be of assistance", President Matthews said, "because the sooner we get down to diversification the better off we will all be."

Senator Dwight Brown, of Poplar Bluff, a director of the Bureau, said his county is not a leader in agriculture and it had been believed that it would continue to be a slow process of developing the country districts to a high state. Secretary Batjer encouraged the culture of fruit and the Chamber of Commerce took an interest. With the farm agent and representatives of the Chamber, Mr. Batjer spent a week in meetings throughout the county and greatly interested the farmer folks in the subject. Later on, Senator Brown explained, the Chamber of Commerce had a luncheon attended by more than 80 of the best farmers in Butler county and the growing of small fruits, as well as regular orchard fruits, is now well under way. "It's the greatest thing we have done in Butler county in a long time", Senator Brown said, "and I want to encourage every county in the district to do the same thing."

There was a time when our business men didn't show much interest in the Bureau but they know its value now and they are strong for it."

Some very interesting things were discussed at the regular meeting of the directors. Secretary Batjer reported on his activities for the preceding month. He visited the poultry show at Farmington and spoke at the annual banquet of the Southeast Missouri Poultry Association. Spent a week in Butler county assisting agricultural commissioner for the Chamber of Commerce in a strawberry campaign. Ordered peach trees for Scott county farmers and helped receive and check them. Aided the following farmers to get trees properly planted: W. H. Heisserer, Benton, 200 peach trees; J. E. McDowell, Bertrand, 4000 peach trees; W. C. Bryant, Charleston, 500 peach trees; Mrs. Florence Marshall, Skeston, 4000 peach trees.

Mr. Batjer reported over 8000 peach trees set out in the district the past fall.

An unusually fine meeting of farmers was held at Illmo by the business men of the tri-cities, who arranged the affair to encourage the growing of small fruit, and several hundred acres were signed up for strawberries. So many farmers were present, and so much interest was shown, Mr. Batjer reported, that it was impossible to get a detailed report. Farm Agent Renner is carrying on the work and is expecting large results.

Despite the very bad agricultural conditions, it was reported that more interest is being shown in the work of the Bureau than ever before. Moderate advertisements are being published in farm papers and quite a few inquiries are being received, all of which are sent to the land men who are members of the Bureau. The Bureau also keeps up with this correspondence. But the main object at this time is to encourage all Southeast Missourians to study the marvelous resources of this district and to promote the good points and leave the faults to others. If all Southeast Missourians would boost and never knock, like Californians do, this section would grow as rapidly as California because when it comes to natural resources there is no doubt that Southeast Missouri has more than any other section in the United States. Directors of the Bureau, in a general discussion of such advantages, reported several interesting things.

Solon E. Wright, representing Dunklin county on the board, looks after the farm interests of a large lumber concern. Feed is not raised to a great extent down there and as the corn crop was none too good, due

to wet weather, and as cotton prices have gone to nearly nothing, it behooves the farmer to guard the cost of wintering his stock. Shredded fodder is doing the work, Wright reported. He has 31 work mules in a feed lot and is feeding them shredded fodder exclusively. The cost of the fodder he figures at 12½ cents per bale and it requires six bales a day, so the cost of feeding a mule per day is about six cents and the animals are in much better condition than those that are wintered on pasture.

Mr. Wright said he figures that shredded fodder is about as valuable a crop as a grain crop, when fed in this manner.

Mr. Wright gave another example of thrift that is worthy of attention. He tried to induce a tenant to plant corn in a piece of new cut-over land. The stumps were very thick, he said, and the tenant didn't care to risk such an effort. So he hired some men to prepare the land and the corn was planted between July 2 and July 20. It happened to rain soon after the final planting which gave the corn a good start and from this patch of 110 acres he gathered about 15 bushels of good corn to the acre and has 37,110 shocks of fodder that will be shredded. He estimates that he will get at least 2000 bales of shredded fodder.

Southeast Missouri farmers scattered their shot too widely, several men claimed. Farm Agent Amburgy of Dunklin county, says this is a common trouble and hopes to see the day when farmers use fewer acres and then strive to get greater production.

F. C. Cooper, living east of Kennett, picked 6500 pounds of seed cotton from two acres. He got more than four bales weighing 500 pounds each and the grade was high.

On other land of the same kind, and with the same seed, the yield dropped to less than a bale an acre, showing that intensive cultivation pays.

The rice crop of Stoddard county will be gathered in another week and will make a bumper yield, according to E. C. Morstedt, of Dexter, a member of the Bureau Board. It is threshing more than 100 bushels to the acre and the market is strong, running from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a bushel.

This was a very bad season for rice harvest, it was explained, due to the continued rains. Usually rice is threshed early in the fall but the floods prevented. There has also been a heavy wastage due to the rains, and still the average per acre was high. Had the season been good there is no telling how high the yield would have gone.

As with many other leading products, the records give Southeast Missouri rice the highest class. Up in Northeast Missouri much rice is grown and the quality is high. The price this season has been as high as \$1.74 and the yield large. Rice growers say they grow the crop at

no greater expense than most any other grains.

Chas. L. Harrison of Cape Girardeau, a director, said conditions in Southeast Missouri, as depressing as they are, are not as bad as in other sections. A great deal is heard of the fine agricultural lands of Illinois and it is supposed that farmers over there are better off than they are down here, but the records fail to show it. Not long ago a Missouri land bank took over the assets of an Illinois bank. The Missouri bank had no delinquent payments, while the Illinois bank had thousands of dollars due on this account.

The Lions Club of Kennett, a large organization of the leading men of the town, entertained the Agricultural Bureau men at a splendid luncheon, and some interesting short talks were made. President Matthews, Secretary Batjer, Senator Brown, Julien Friant and others spoke. It was the first time Secretary Batjer was heard here and he has promised to come again. He not only enlightened the gathering on the work the Bureau is doing, but he entertained the men delightfully.

The Lions Club is doing great work for Kennett and this vicinity and the older it gets the better it is. This organization is not working only for the good of Kennett, but for all of Dunklin county and its influence is spreading. Members of the Bureau said they had never attended a better meeting anywhere.

E. C. (Ned) Matthews, president of the Bureau, remarked that Scott county is going strong on diversification but there is lots of room for improvement yet. He uses the Mary Jane orchard near Blodgett to show that fruit growing pays big. Hal Galemer, son of an orchard man, set out a peach orchard in the poorest, bluest sand he could find because he didn't want his experiment to cost too much. Most everybody told him he was foolish. Only one failure out of four crops has resulted. In 1924 the crop brought over \$23,000 in cash and in 1925 the crop brought over \$19,000. The net profit from either year more than paid every cent ever

invested in the orchard and it gets better every year.

Matthews has just showed his faith in fruit growing by putting out a large orchard. "When we get some fruit growing on every farm, with small fruits, and such things well scattered through Scott County, a cotton failure will not be so hard on us", he said. "The sooner we get the diversification the better off we will be and to this end this Bureau is giving its greatest attention and encouragement."

According to official records read by Secretary Batjer, Cape Girardeau county is the only county in Missouri to show an increased acreage of wheat for 1926. The weather was so bad last fall that other counties were unable to sow much wheat. In 1924 Cape county's acreage of wheat was 14,150, in 1925 it was 15,570, a gain of 1420 acres.

The acreage in the state for the 1926 crop is short about 500,000, and Southeast Missouri is minus 41,000 acres.

"What is to be done with this large acreage that was doubtless intended for wheat?" Secretary Batjer asks.

Texas and Louisiana are the rice states and the grain is one of the chief sources of revenue. The figures show that Missouri rice makes from 20 to 40 bushels per acre more than either Texas or Louisiana, and the quality is also higher. Another thing is that the crop is produced for less money in Missouri. And still another thing is that in Southeast Missouri the crop is made for less money per acre than up in northeast Missouri. The records covering a period of years shows this.

Consequently, according to Mr. Morstedt, rice is coming into its own in Southeast Missouri. In Stoddard county the acreage next year will be much larger than ever before. There were 800 acres in rice in 1925 and there will be more than 1000 acres in 1926. It is reported that 300 acres near New Madrid will be put in rice this year.—Cape Missourian.

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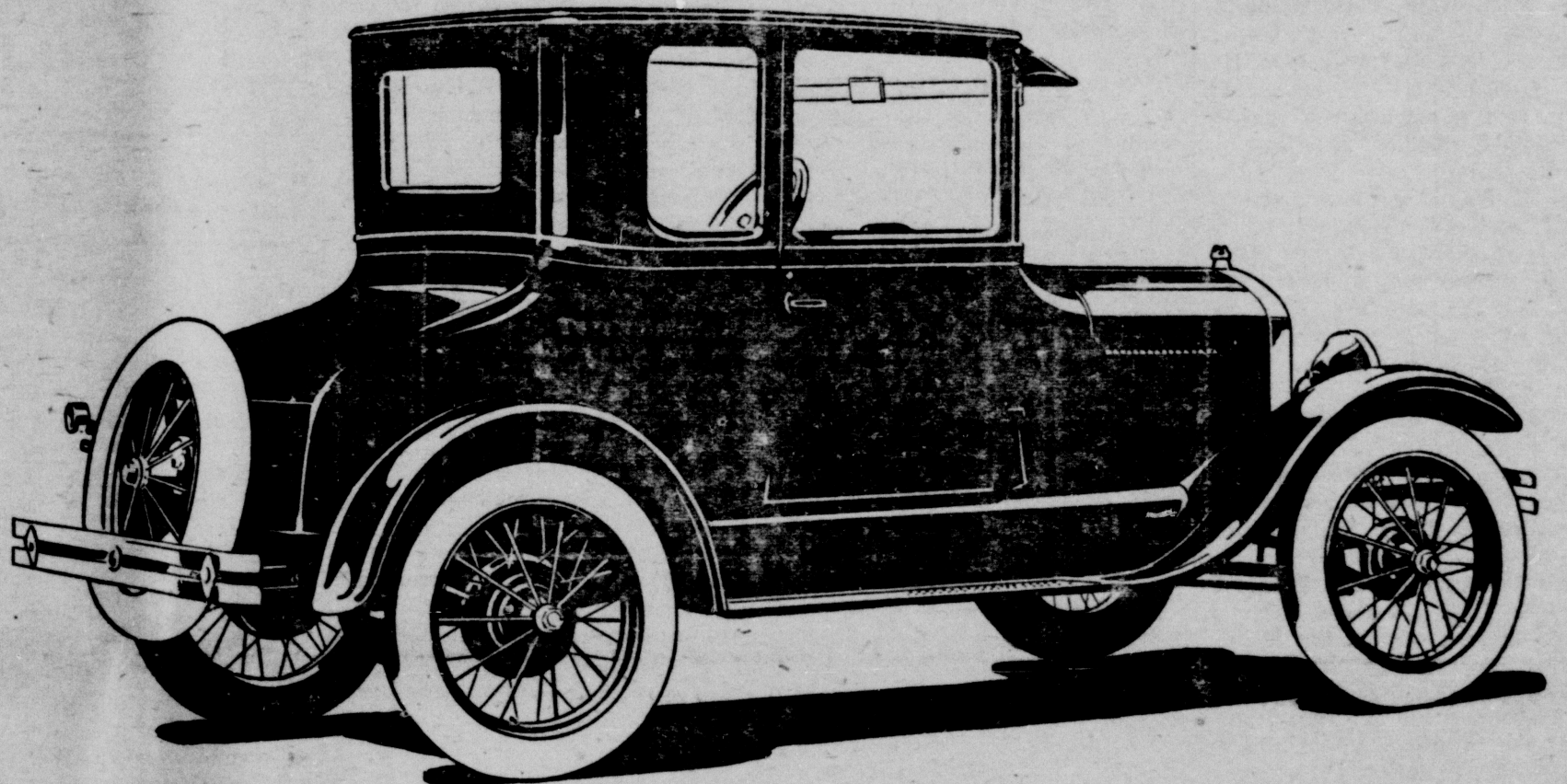
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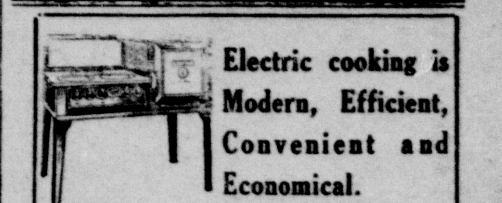
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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Loud on Water Street, last Thursday afternoon. About sixteen members were present. One of the principal features was the election of officers. The officers elected were as follows:

President—Mrs. E. A. Loud.  
Vice-President—Mrs. J. A. Finch.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie R. Fine.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. F. Sharp.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. La Valle.

Agent Miss. Voice—Mrs. C. M. Shellenberger.

Superintendent of Supplies—Mrs. D. B. Riley, So.

A delightful salad luncheon concluded a very pleasant time.

Judge and Mrs. W. L. Stacy of Sikeston were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Sarah Stepp, of this city, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Riley returned the latter part of the week from Ft. Smith, Ark., where they visited relatives on their honeymoon trip.

Jas. C. Smith of Caledonia, Mo., who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. T. F. Henry, of Sikeston, spent a few hours in New Madrid, Monday.

Gideon-Anderson Co. to W. E. Killion: That part of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 6-20-11, lying East of ditch No. 1, 31.94 acres. \$2874.60.

Hopper S. Carson and Wm. Corson, to Washy Miller: Lot 8, blk. 27 Cooper's Add., Parma. \$22.

R. A. Hewitt and wife to N. J. Hewitt: Lots 1-4, blk. 25, H-H. Lbr. Co., 4th add. Canalou, all of the S 1/2 lot 7 block 5, Canalou, \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

M. R. Horn and wife to Carl Shaw: Lot 2, blk 14, Parma. \$450.

H-H. Lbr. Co. to Luther Glass: Lots 6 and 7, blk. 64, Morehouse \$1-150.

Jonah De Lisle, et al to City Portageville to be used as site sewage disposal plant. \$400. See book 83, page 408.

J. M. Harris and wife to Minnie F. Ateberry: Lots 4, 5 and 6 block 2, Smith's addition Gideon. \$1400.

Lin L. Maxey and J. B. Metts to Howard J. Latimer: Lots 14 and 15, blk. 26. Barnes' add. Marston, \$700. Marston Realty Co. to John C. Simmons: Lots 24-26, blk. 26 Barnes' Add. to Marston, \$100.

Jonett Goodall and wife to Dora Goodall: Lot 9, blk. 33, Coopers' Addition, Parma. \$450.

Dewey S. Blowers and wife to E. H. Blowers, all that NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 30-22-11, 37.85 acres, lying east of drainage district No. 4, \$1.00.

Alfred F. Hilley and wife to T. R. Hunter: Lot 12, blk. 9 H-H. Lbr. Co. 2nd add. Risco. \$200.

W. S. Edwards and wife to Joe Schneider: E 1/2 of NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 20-23-15, \$1.00.

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Clarence Rogers to Maude Hawkins, both of Portageville.

## NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 12th annual stockholders' meeting of the Southeast Missouri District Fair Association will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room in the city of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 9th day of February, 1926.

Said meeting will be convened at 7:30 o'clock p. m., and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect nine directors for the said Fair, to serve during the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

W. H. SIKES, President.  
C. L. BLANTON, Jr., Secy.

Attest:  
4tF.

## Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of John L. Welter, Sr., deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

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BEN J. WELTER,  
Administrator.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,  
Probate Judge.

Not until 1840 were watches successfully manufactured by machinery.

## MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Bagnell—Missouri Hydroelectric Power Co. files application to construct dam and electric power plant on Osage River, near here.

Poplar Bluff—Great development program outlined for Missouri Ozarks.

Trenton—White way lighting system to be installed on Ninth Street.

43 cities and towns in Missouri have gas service.

Jackson—Completion of riverfront levee in Perry County, making rapid progress.

Brasher—School building recently destroyed by fire, may be replaced.

Rolla—New Episcopal parish house completed.

Rockville—Contract awarded for construction of new community house.

Stanberry—Plans under way for paving and guttering Atlanthus Ave.

Trenton—New postoffice building practically assured for this place.

Gower—Local streets being repaired.

Unionville—New Unionville Business College to open January 15th.

Stanberry—"Stanberry Herald" and "Owl Headlight" consolidated.

Pacific—New industry, Hardstone Brick & Tile Co., incorporated.

Excelsior Springs—Plans to be discussed for installing white way lighting system on Broadway.

Galt—Galt Light & Power Co., extending lighting system to C. M. & St. P. Railroad.

Washington—Bids received for constructing 2 miles paved highway on No. 14, in Franklin County.

Marthasville—G. H. Egbert to establish pipe factory here.

Sedalia—Movement on foot for erecting new school building.

Columbia—Plans proposed for installing municipal garbage disposal system.

Mexico—Arctic Ice & Storage Co. sold to Missouri Power & Light Co.

Humansville—Lightfoot building on Main Street being remodeled.

Clayton—Work begun improving newly purchased site for Teachers' College athletic field.

Clinton—City sells municipal power plant to Missouri Power & Light group.

St. Louis—General Electric Co. buys 100-acre site for eventually building manufacturing plant.

Clayton—10-acre tract in northeast corner Pennsylvania Avenue and Clayton road, to be subdivided.

Appleton City—This place to have new modern chicken hatchery.

Mexico—Several streets resurfaced.

Newton—Movement on foot for consolidating seven schools here.

Carthage—New lateral sewer system in district No. 40, accepted by city council.

Marshfield—This place will have new overall factory, to employ between 50 and 100 persons.

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WANTED—A used radio, must be bargain for cash. Address P. A. S., care The Standard. 1tpd.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms near Shoe Factory.—Eugene Buckles, Kathleen Avenue. 1tpd.

# The Greatest Clearing Sale

IN THE HISTORY OF  
OUR BUSINESS

## Ends Saturday, January 16

Prices have been smashed to the very rock bottom. \$75,000 stock of Dry Goods and Ladies Ready-to-Wear Apparel and Furnishings sacrificed at ridiculous low prices. Goods must be sold. Take fair warning and do not miss this wonderful money-saving opportunity.

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Aubrey Kirby, a Poplar Bluff visitor since last Saturday, returned to Sikeston Tuesday morning.

J. N. Sheppard returned Tuesday afternoon from Tamm, Ill., where he has been the past week.

The editor and C. L. Blanton, Jr., were business visitors in Charleston for a short while Tuesday afternoon.

The front stairway of the city hall has been torn out and a room is being remodeled for the collector's office.

Mrs. John Welfer, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Heisserer in Cape Girardeau, has returned to her home.

Mesdames Moore Greer and John Joe Russell attended a party in Charleston given by Mrs. Carl Marshall.

Mrs. Moore Greer has invited guests from Charleston and Cape Girardeau to her party Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. N. Ross left Tuesday morning for Little Rock, Ark., where she will visit her mother for a week or ten days.

Mrs. A. B. Skillman, who recently suffered a serious operation at a hospital in St. Louis, is now a victim of the flu.

See my new spring hats in beautiful colors. Made of silk, straws, hair-braid or grograin ribbon.—Mrs. A. E. Shankle. 2t.

E. V. Howell, proprietor of Howell's Cafe, is unable to be on duty on account of the flu and his son, Jimmy, is taking his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate and daughter Lillian Gale, drove to St. Louis with Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce, this week.

Jos. Marshall of Detroit, Mich., who attended the funeral of Mrs. Betty Marshall, held in this city last week, returned to his home Monday.

Quite a number of citizens are suffering of flu this week. Some of them are: Mrs. Frank Van Horne, Mrs. C. A. Cook, Mrs. M. M. Beck and Jake Sitze.

## \$1,165,550 INHERITANCE TAX PAID TO STATE IN 1925

Jefferson City, January 11.—State inheritance tax collections in Missouri during 1925 totaled \$1,165,000. State Treasurer C. E. Stephens announced today. Of this amount \$641,011.82, or 55 per cent, was collected on estates in St. Louis.

St. Louis, with a tax of \$641,011.82, St. Louis County with \$81,732.10 and Jackson County, including Kansas City, with \$138,992.48, paid a total inheritance tax of \$861,736.40, or 74 per cent of the total collected in the State. Buchanan County, including St. Joseph, paid \$42,349, and St.

In other counties the inheritance tax payments for the year ranged from \$11,048 in Jasper County to down to \$13.53 in Morgan County.

Twenty of the 114 counties reported no inheritance tax collections during the year.

## BOBS AND HIGH HEELS WIN!

The health week committee up here at Barnard College picked as the healthiest among 1000 students, a girl whose hair is bobbed and who wears high French heels. She's Elizabeth Metzger of New York—a junior.

The girls were judged by physique and posture. There's a slap at the long-faced ones who carry bobs and high heels. Have other colleges been bold enough to admit that health and bobs and French heels go together?—Barnard Stude, New York City.

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Inquire 413 Sikes Avenue. 2tpd.

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ROBERT THOMAS,  
Administrator.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,  
Probate Judge.

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Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Charles F. McMullin, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of January, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

MATTIE McMULLIN,  
Executrix.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,  
Probate Judge.

LOST—Pair tortoise rim spectacles between N. I. Kirby residence and Kirby Cafe. Leave at Cafe. 1tpd.

Last week graduates of Chillicothe Business College were placed in splendid office positions with Swift & Co. at Chicago and Brooklyn while Monday another call was received from the big St. Joseph plant.

Tests show St. Louis to be smokier than Indianapolis. While we are speaking of smoke, we might say that Sikeston has its share. Speed the time when consumers will be within the reach of all coal burners.

✓ Maj. Harry Dudley returned Tuesday morning from Jefferson City, where he attended the Governor's reception. On his way home, he stopped to see his brother at Columbia and his mother at St. Charles.

On calling at Jake Goldstein's second-hand clothing store to ask if they had found any trace of the robbers who stole 22 suits, several overcoats and hose, we were informed the bloodhounds had led them to the same house twice, but the constable refused to even knock at the door and the Chief of Police would do nothing but advise the proprietors to stay in close at night and if anyone comes, shoot.

The Co-Workers held their regular meeting for the election of officers at the home of Mrs. Norman Davis, but there being no one heroic enough to take up the work so efficiently done by the retiring officers, the meeting will be continued in two weeks. This organization is a branch of the M. E. Church, which has done some wonderful work in its own particular way and it is hoped some unselfish ones will consent to make the sacrifices necessary to accept these offices and carry on the work.

Twenty-seven Oklahomans were among the new students enrolling last week at the big Mid-Winter Opening at Chillicothe Business College while Arkansas, Kansas and Iowa also sent large delegations.

A party of five ladies from Sikeston drove to Caruthersville last Sunday, visiting in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Byars, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kersy, and perhaps others of our citizens, and incidentally, it is said, making glad the hearts of some four or five of our young men of the high school crowd, whose acquaintance they have made during the playing of football or basketball games between teams of the two cities in the recent past.

In the party were Misses Tyne Kendall, Virginia Freeman, Lucille and Louise Stubblefield and Louise Shields and were "chaperoned" and chauffeured hither by Herschel Tyne, likewise and also of Sikeston. The visitors returned home in the evening and Uncle Sam's postoffice has been doing a nice business in special delivery stamps since then.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joe Russell entertained a few friends Monday night with a bridge party.

John O'Hara an employe of the Frisco at Kennett, formerly of Sikeston, is in a serious condition at the Frisco Hospital of St. Louis. A general breakdown seems to be the source of trouble.

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Have you tried, —  
Golden brown waffles,  
Electrically cooked  
right on your table.

MISSOURI UTILITIES COMPANY

## Day By Day

### The Number Increases

Scarcely a day passes that does not witness the sale of several shares of our "securities" to our customers—yesterday there were five purchases.

One hundred and sixty-two of our customers and friends have already purchased one or more shares of our 7% First Preferred Capital Stock, thereby becoming partners in our business.

MISSOURI UTILITIES COMPANY'S SECURITIES are a good investment because:

They are safe.

They yield a good rate of interest.

They are tax free in Missouri.

The dividends are paid every three months.

The officials of the company have a long and successful record of operation.

The business is growing rapidly. Over 700 horse power is under contract for connection to our lines within the next 90 days.

We again invite you to become a shareholder in our business. Ask any employee about our 7% FIRST PREFERRED SHARES or come to the office and talk it over.

## Missouri Utilities Co.

SIKESTON

## TALLEY'S PLACE

We are now serving regular meals three times a day at 35 cents each. Home cooking, home made pies, the best coffee in the city.

### Special Chicken Dinner, With Trimmings, Every Sunday

Phone 916 F 11 For Reservations

Fresh Candy At All Times  
The Best to Be Had



## STATE HIGHWAYMEN TO MEET IN SIKESTON

Preparations are now being made to entertain the State Highway Commission from Jefferson City and every employee in the 10th Division, which comprises the several counties of Southeast Missouri, at a banquet and instruction meeting in Sikeston Wednesday evening of the coming week. It is a proposition to find a suitable room that will seat the 200 guests at one time. The matter of serving the food is a secondary consideration as either of our hotels or church societies could easily do that by serving in relays, but it is desired to seat all the guests at one time and after the banquet will be the program.

This is the first opportunity that the entire Highway Commission as a body has had to meet in this Division and every employee has been urged to be present.

The Commission and the Engineers are preparing to rush road building all over the State just as soon as the season opens and expect to give some worth while talks to the employees along this line, hence the necessity of everyone being present.

## MISSOURI SUPREME COURT URGES PRISON

Jefferson City, January 11.—Imprisonment, "the only sort of punishment which really hurts", was urged today by the Missouri Supreme Court for the enforcement of the prohibition law.

The court recommended Penitentiary sentences for violators of the dry laws in an opinion written by Chief Justice D. E. Blair in the case of William Hopley and Harry Gray. Both men were sentenced to two years each in prison for "transporting corn whisky" in Maryville, Mo., on October 2, 1924.

## MEREDITH ANSWERS HAWES' DECLARATION

Poplar Bluff, January 11.—Declaring that he has the goods on Harry B. Hawes' declaration that he threatened to leave the Democratic party in July, 1919, Willis H. Meredith, who yesterday announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, today said he wanted to refresh Maj. Hawes' memory concerning his remarks.

"I note that Maj. Hawes does not deny that he threatened to quit the Democratic party in his interviews with the Globe-Democrat in July, 1919, but he says he will not in any manner attack the Wilson administration," said Meredith. "His articles speak for themselves, and if Maj. Hawes thinks they were endorsements of the Wilson administration, which he now seems to want the Democracy of Missouri to believe, I suggest that he have these interviews reprinted in the Congressional Record and mail them or frank them, as his custom is, to the Democrats of Missouri. He will then save me the trouble of reading them from the stump when the campaign opens."

In his efforts to refresh Hawes' memory, Meredith today said:

"On page one of the Globe-Democrat of July 10, 1919, the headline read: 'Harry Hawes Would Quit Democrats for New National Party'. On July 21, 1919, page 11 of the Globe-Democrat, the headlines read: 'State Committee Faces Darkest Hour in Party's History; Hawes May Quit Party'. And the Globe-Democrat correspondent in that article says: 'Attacks of Harry B. Hawes of St. Louis, influential Democratic leader, upon the local organization and his declaration that he may quit the party, both state and national, has a very disquieting effect upon the state Democracy'."

"I leave it to the Democrats of Missouri," says Meredith, "whether or not these interviews were endorsements of the Wilson administration. I do not so read them."

Meredith left Poplar Bluff this afternoon en route to Jefferson City to attend the Missouri Association of Criminal Justice meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Charles Ellis, of Jefferson City, was a business visitor in our city on Thursday. While in Sikeston, he called on The Standard force.

T. J. Mathis, of Poplar Bluff, who has bought the Mrs. Nina Smoot stock of goods near the shoe factory, is moving his family into the Huckaby house in the north part of town.

## SPECIAL SHORT SKIRTS STORIES FOR STANDARD

The Standard has been asked to give space for an expression of opinion by males and females as to the merits and demerits of short skirts.

In printing these expressions, no names will be printed, but The Standard reserves the right to reject such opinions as are base and unfit for publication. Some believe in short skirts from a sanitary standpoint, some for the scenic effects, and others like to see them on others than their own wife and daughter. Of course you will find some who believe in long skirts, but most of these believers have some defects to hide.

Already some views have been received, which will be printed in the Tuesday edition.

### A WINTER VIGNETTE

The sky was overcast,  
The winter wind blew cold;  
She crouched against the bitter blast,  
For she was old.

Her lips were blue and chilled,  
And down the frozen street  
The fierce-fanged tempest snarled  
and shrieked  
About her feet.

Against the savage cold  
Little she had to wear;  
She wore her flesh silk stockings  
rolled,  
And her knees were bare.

My heart went out to her;  
I pointed to her knees:  
"Why do you stand on a street corner  
And rapidly freeze?"

"Is it some woman's woe?  
Or does the heartless town  
Let poor old paupers suffer so  
From the knees down?"

"I have a union suit  
That my grandmother wore,  
It kept her warm from neck to boot  
Ten years or more;

"Of virgin wool it's knit,  
Some seven pounds it weighs,  
And gladly will I give you it  
And ask no praise;

"Because my feelings bleed  
To see you there, so old,  
Woefully huddling, frozen-kneed,  
And cold—so cold!"

She hardly turned her head;  
Her lips with cold were gray;  
"Put on your union suit," she said,  
"And shrink away!"

The North Wind howled and bayed  
And shook the shuddering trees;  
Her fashionable coat displayed  
Her aged knees;

With icy whips the weather  
Assailed her, uncontrolled;  
I heard her old knees clack together,  
Cold—cold.

—Morris Bishop.

### MUSICAL FITS AND MISFITS

In the Globe-Democrat this week, appeared an article stating that New York Methodist preacher, Rev. Christian F. Reisner, said, "We should supplant the high-priced quartet singing of our churches with music that thrills", mentioning jazz as the thriller. The good man may have reasons a plenty for wanting a change. Certainly if his choir uses the measure-bar for a vocal "cat-skinning" gymnastic-pole, and his people are forced to listen to the cry of the "cat" while going through the torture, needs a change.

We do need rhythmic music with harmony and melody, but I feel the above mentioned brother has gone to the wrong source for his help. Personally, if I had to choose between the "cat-skinning" quartet and the whole bunch turned loose in a jazz band, give me the quartet.

Now seriously, we need soulful, thrilling, harmonious music, may I enter my protest, through the medium of our city papers, against the jazz in the churches. As has been stated, "we need the jazz to lose ourselves". I say, we need the kind of music that will aid us in finding ourselves, our place and our God.—Jno. O. Ensor, Pastor of Sikeston M. E. Church.

In connection with the weekly prayer meeting at the Baptist church on Wednesday night, was one of a social nature, where plans were talked over for the coming year.

Rev. J. O. Ensor expects to begin a series of meetings at the Methodist Church beginning the last Sunday in January and running through the first two or three weeks of February. Further notice will be given later.



## "Where does all the money go?"

YOUNG Mrs. Henshaw was almost in tears. She had been telling Mrs. Blair something about her failure to "get a few dollars ahead."

"Where does all the money go?" she asked hopelessly.

"Do you really want me to tell you, dear?" Mrs. Blair replied, in the kindly voice of mature experience.

"Like so many other young people," she continued, "you and Jack are 'always broke'—as you say—because you have no systematic, intelligent buying plan. You need to adopt a budget! You should study your problem—know exactly what you must have each week and buy accordingly."

"There comes the big test! Do you know *how* to buy—*what* to buy, and *when*, and *where*? You simply must learn, and, the best way in the world is to *study the advertisements in your newspaper*. Read the ads carefully; apply their suggestions to your own needs, and you will save money! I know, because for many years I have done so."

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## RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FOR REDUCTION OF CRIME

The outstanding recommendations by the Association for Criminal Justice for the reduction of crime are:

Creation of a bipartisan Board of Prison Management.  
Politics be divorced completely from the penal institutions.

Board members be removed only on established charges.

All appointments and tenures be based solely on efficiency and not political considerations.

Releases, even of first offenders, from the Penitentiary under the seventh-twelfths rule, be made conditional upon parole regulations.

That men who have served more than one term be required to serve at least three-fourths of their sentence.

That the Governor cease to commute the sentences of long-term men, unless in the interest of justice, in which event the man so released be put under parole conditions.

That more adequate provisions be made for the care of prisoners suffering from tuberculosis and for those suffering from mental abnormalities.

That educational training be given all prisoners who have not reached the sixth grade.

That adequate industrial training be provided.

An intermediate Reformatory for first offenders between 18 and 30.

That a field officer be provided to check up men out of parole.

Here are recommendations made affecting the management of the Missouri Reformatory:

That releases under the present merit system be discontinued and merit points achieved be used only as the basis for parole application.

That parole be granted only when the authorities are sure it is merited; that the community from which the boy came is favorable to his release, and that profitable employment and suitable environment are assured.

That special paroles be restricted to extraordinary cases in which the trial judge initiates the application for parole.

That parole regulations be rigidly enforced and that infractions be grounds for immediate revocation.

That boys who have served more than one term be required to serve at least seven-twelfths of their time.

That Circuit and Juvenile judges make provisions for putting neglected children under the supervision of the State Board of Charities and Correction for placement in wholesome homes.

That Circuit and Juvenile Court Judges be required to submit full information regarding each boy's criminal record, his family history, early influences and environment.

That probation service in connection with the Juvenile and Criminal courts be strengthened.

That commitment of federal prisoners convicted under the drug act to the Reformatory be discontinued.

That the Reformatory be used only for boys between 7 and 17 years old and that an intermediate Reformatory be created for ages between 18 and 30.

That a modern equipped Bureau of Identification be established.

That provisions be made for industrial training.

That provisions be made for teachers for defective children.

That a suitable gymnasium and well-equipped library and reading rooms be provided.

That accurate records be kept of all of the correctional work.

That three additional field workers be employed to check up paroles, one to be stationed in St. Louis and one in Kansas City.

### The Standard, \$1.50 per year

Miss Barbara Beck is unable to be in school because of the flu.

Everyone will be glad to learn of the return of W. T. Malone from the Frisco Hospital, St. Louis, in an improved condition after a nasal operation by Dr. Payne.

A preliminary hearing of Frank Riley will be held at Bloomfield Wednesday, January 20. He is under a bond of \$25,000 for the shooting and killing of C. F. McMullin.

Radio fans enjoyed two solos broadcasted from Jefferson City, Monday night by Miss Lillian Shields, of Sikeston, who is a student at Christian College, Columbia.

## DOES ELECTRICITY SPEED UP PLANT GROWTH?

Many experiments conducted during the past 75 years to determine the influence of electrical treatment of the soil or the atmosphere on the growth and yield of plant life have given rise to various conclusions. In England, where the electrical treatment has been applied by charging a network placed high enough above the growing crops to permit of cultivation with horses, increased yields are reported. Similar experimental work by the United States Department of Agriculture has failed to produce any well-defined increase in yield. Eight years of experimental tests by the department have not shown any positive response by plants to electrical treatment of either the soil or the atmosphere in which the plants were grown. At the present time there is still a diversity of opinion concerning the influence of electricity in plant development.

## RENAMES TWO TO VOTE BOARD

Jefferson City, January 11.—Governor Baker today announced the reappointment of Rex Hedrick of Buckner and James F. Shepherd of Independence as the Republican members of the Jackson County election board.

The commissions of the reappointed members are for 4-year terms from January 16, when their present commissions expire. No announcement was made as to the Democratic members of the board, who at present are Albert M. Ott and Brown Harris.

Mr. Ott is understood to be a candidate for reappointment, while Mr. Harris may be a candidate for the circuit bench at the next election. Among others mentioned for the Democratic places are Samuel H. Woodson, former mayor of Independence; J. Allen Prewitt, George F. Millard, Mrs. Margaret Wherritt, Robert Livesay, J. B. Yankee and Todd George.

Among the motorists licensed in Coventry there are about 20 who are deaf.

## SIKESTON GIRL WRITES OPINION OF 'MIRACLE'

Not all of us could see "The Miracle" but all may feel some of the enthusiasm of an on-looker after reading the following description of same by Miss Annette Smith, who has written the following, and we appreciate the kindness of Mrs. Smith for allowing us to publish this letter unknown to Miss Annette.

The following is her letter to her parents:

"I just want to tell you about seeing 'The Miracle' and how wonderful it was. It was the most gorgeous production I ever hope to see. It was just a marvel. I do wish you all could see it. The theatre was changed to look like a cathedral and all the windows had been changed into replicas of stained glass windows of famous European cathedrals, with a golden altar, huge pillars and massive iron doors and candle lit. There was hardly a stage but the huge altar was raised a little, but part of the acting went on right down in the aisles. It was just like being in a huge cathedral, the whole atmosphere was medieval. It was all pantomime except for the chanting and at the very end, the nun said the Lord's Prayer. I've never seen such lovely costumes, such beautiful settings or any more wonderful acting. It was certainly a superb thing. So much going on at once that you were scarcely conscious of any one thing. The pages were even dressed as nuns and at no time during the performance was there any applause—not even at the end. Everyone just sits tense during the whole thing. I was just worn out when I left. I do wish you all could see it, because I know I'll never forget it for it was so impressive. The cast for the nun and the madonna rotate, but we saw Iris Tree play the nun and Lady Diana Manner, the Madonna. They were both wonderful—tall, slender, blond and very graceful. Lady Diana, as the Madonna (supposedly a mere image with healing powers) stood immovable for 45 minutes, and she looked like a wax figure. She is lovely anyhow—such perfect features and with blond hair and green eyes—you can't imagine the vastness of it all and the beauty at the very first everything was pitch dark and slowly from down the aisle came the nuns, each carrying a lighted candle as the chimes sounded for mass. Just to see those poised calm figures going through that ceremony, made you feel as though you were truly in a cathedral. There was no curtain—only the lighting effects changed the scenery and the altar opened. In one scene, by means of light and shadow and shading effects, the chancel was turned into a miniature forest. It was marvelous. Scene 6 was a lovely scene which simply inspires terror—revolutionists all in red and black—only king and nun in gold. In the background sets the masked council—on a raised platform with the galleys behind—the executioner and his ax in the foreground; the singing, anger, mumbling mob massed about. The scenery and acting was all so superb that I wouldn't take anything for my trip."

Hillsboro, Mo., January 11.—Chief of Police L. W. Hurst of De Soto, is in the county jail here today, charged with having aided the escape of bandits who robbed the American Bank of De Soto of \$10,640, December 30.

Hurst is charged with having advanced information of the route to be taken by the bandits in their escape from the bank and with having led his posse off their trail.

An alleged confession by William Perkins, on whose farm the bank loot is alleged to have been divided, led to the arrest of the peace officer, Saturday. Hurst, according to De Soto authorities, denies sharing the loot, but admits ownership of a rifle found in Perkins' home. Perkins declares Hurst lent the rifle to the robbers to be used in the robbery.

Two other men, both of Blytheville, Ark., are being held here, while a third implicated is in jail in the Arkansas town under another charge.

Perkins, in his confession, admits receiving \$1000 in liberty bonds and \$50 in cash from the robbery, but says he does not know whether the police received any of the money.

Branches of the Daughters of 1812 are maintained in 31 states.

Canada enjoys the lowest freight rate of any country in the world.

## JEROME DOVER FUNERAL WEDNESDAY MORNING

The funeral of Jerome Dover, who died in Chicago Sunday morning, was held at the Methodist Church Wednesday morning, Rev. Ensor officiating. The text was: "I am the Resurrection and the Light" from the Gospel of St. John, 11th chapter.

The order of service was organ prelude "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"—Mrs. H. J. Welsh. Solo, "Face to Face"—Mrs. Green Lescher. Quartette, "Wonderful Peace"—Ralph Anderson, J. N. Ross, Mrs. Lescher, Miss Marjorie Smith.

The ushers were Misses Martha Gresham, Clara Lindley, Sara Malone and Ruth Denman.

The pall bearers were friends and companions of his youth and were: Bill Sikes, T. A. Wilson, Roblee Lennox, Joe Bowman, Emory Matthews and Harry Young.

After the concluding ceremony at the cemetery, the body was placed in the mausoleum to await the Resurrection Day.

## GET-TOGETHER MEETING AT BAPTIST CHURCH

One of the most enjoyable meetings held in Sikeston for a long time was the Get-Together Meeting at the Baptist Church Wednesday of this week.

During the program Rev. S. P. Brite gave a short devotional, following which were talks by Deacons W. C. Bowman, W. R. Burks and J. H. Tycer. Special songs, duets, solos and the choir, gave pleasure to the assembly.

During the evening \$185.35 was collected to apply on outstanding bills. Owing to bad colds and other ailments kept many away, though about 70 were present. Refreshments were served and those present pronounced it a splendid social and financial success and are wishing many more such occasions.

## OPEN MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club will hold an open meeting at the home of Mrs. Joe Parker, Tuesday, January 19. Mrs. E. C. Matthews, who is the hostess, will be assisted by Miss Audrey Chaney, Mesdames C. L. Malone, A. J. Matthews, Marion McFarland, A. J. Moore, R. D. Mow, F. B. Newton, M. G. Gresham, J. E. Smith, Sr., F. S. Corzine, F. M. Sikes, F. A. Hetlage, C. D. Matthews, and E. J. Keith.

Mrs. C. H. Denman is leader for the day and will have on her program Miss Winifred Johnson, of the Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, who will deliver an address.

All friends of the Club are urged to be present.

## HOUSE GETS BILL TO GIVE ST. LOUISIANS BRIDGE JOB

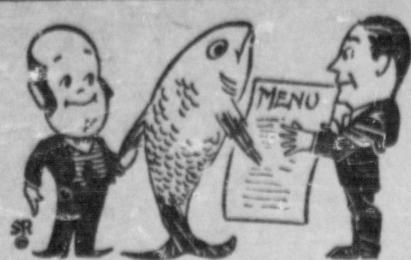
Washington, January 11.—Representative Denison of Illinois today introduced a bill to grant to Harry E. Bovay, Arkansas, and representing St. Louis financial interests, a contract to construct two bridges at Cairo, Ill.

One bridge would be across the Mississippi to connect Cairo with Missouri points, and the other would cross the Ohio River to connect with Kentucky points.

The measure would provide for the purchase at the end of twenty years of either or both of the bridges by the State or Federal Government.

In a recent issue of The Standard the editor expressed his opinion as to needed changes in city ordinances and fines imposed by said ordinances, in order to secure sufficient funds in the city treasury for many needed improvements and repairs. Judge W. S. Smith, police judge, thought perhaps some people would think the article was directed at him for the many small fines that he has imposed while in the position of police judge. The Standard will state that there was nothing further from the editor's mind than to cast reflection on the officer, for he is working under ordinances as they now exist, which give latitude in fines from \$1.00 up. Judge Smith will be a candidate for reelection and The Standard gladly makes that above explanation as we have no desire to criticize his action as an officer for we believe he is thoroughly conscientious in the justice he deals out.





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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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Since I have secured a position on the Post Office and Post Roads Committees, I have been showered with requests from the newspapers all over the country to oppose the Government printed envelopes. The bill introduced in this connection has not yet reached our Committee. I observe it will have some rough sledding and possibly will meet the same fate as former bills of this nature. I wish to say to the newspapers of my district, however, that I shall favor and vigorously urge that the Government get out of this envelope business. I am dropping this letter to the newspapers of my district so that you need have no further worries about my position.—R. E. Bailey, M. C.

The farmer asks for better cash prices for his surplus products and the administration at Washington comes back with a promise to get him more credits. This is quite in contrast to what the same administration says when the manufacturer asks for better prices. There's a reason, too. The manufacturer will not furnish votes or campaign contributions without satisfactory reward. A large majority of the farmers vote 'er straight regardless of consequences.—Paris Appeal.

At this time it looks as though the same men will be on the ticket for re-election to city offices. C. E. Felker, as mayor, has made us a very satisfactory mayor and has accomplished all that could possibly be done in the way of improvements with the money at hand. While the Council may be classed as conservative, they have been sufficiently progressive to permit the citizens to vote bonds for a sanitary sewer service. As soon as this important service has been finished, they will then follow with the paving of several important streets already passed on. Malone Avenue to the new Frisco station is badly in need of rebuilding, all agree, but just how the money can be secured is a question to be threshed out by property owners on this thoroughfare with the Council. No complaint is made against any member that has come to the hearing of The Standard. The present collector is a candidate for re-election and we doubt if he will have any opposition. He has made as good an officer as we have ever had, is familiar with the duties and will undoubtedly succeed himself. The present chief of police will undoubtedly have strong opposition and should be defeated as he is not qualified for the position. He gives no heed to orders or instructions from either the Council or the Mayor and let's the law take its course. He is too afraid of hurting the feelings of law breakers by making arrests and they have neither fear or respect for him. His moral standing in the community is high—he just lacks the qualifications that go to make the kind of chief of police that is needed.

Death is an unwelcome visitor to any home, but in due course of time it will come to us all. There is sadness and heartaches in the home of our friend J. E. Dover caused by the sudden visit of death to one of this large family. This seems close to us as each family consisted of five boys and three girls and all about grown and useful citizens. It has been but a short time since one of our own family was sick unto death, but was spared. In our heartaches the sympathy extended was greatly appreciated and to this stricken family the same is true. It matters not the size of the family, the place in the hearts of parents can never be filled after the passing of a loved one. Time alone can heal the wounds caused by death and leave behind but pleasant memories of the babe, the youth and the manhood of the departed.

Shouldn't we take a lesson from the Jew in business methods? To quote a man of that race, we might support the business until it is able to support us, by doing without the luxuries, we as Americans, think so necessary, until such a time as we are able to buy them without the burden of debt. The Jews have the reputation of being the most considerate of husbands, but there are ways of being that without buying or borrowing money to buy, something which adds one more burden to an already burdened man.

A man who has money may commit crimes and get by with it, but he certainly hasn't the love and confidence of the people, and what trait do we enjoy any more than that of honesty and dependableness?

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There are always fat years and lean years in crops, aren't there? And the lean years always absorb all that is left from the fat ones, don't they? And the world at large has never been known to have more grain than it actually needed, has it? On answers to these questions all posted men are agreed. There is a great difference of opinion, however, about how to get a profitable price for such surplus as one section may have in a fat year or how to buy at a reasonable price in a lean year. This is because our statesmen and political economists are unfamiliar with what Joseph did in the land of Egypt under such circumstances. Those of you who have Bibles should dust them off and turn to the 41st chapter of Genesis, the first book of the volume. Under Joseph's direction, it will be seen, the Government took over the surplus in fat years, stored it in elevators or warehouses close to the place of production and then, when lean years came, let it out as the need demanded. The only fault with this plan was that the Government took advantage of the situation, acquiring everything in the nation, even to the bodies of the inhabitants in exchange for grain when the lean years came. That this plan, with proper safeguards, could be followed with profit to both producers and consumers by our government in an emergency like that which now confronts the corn grower there is little doubt.—Paris Appeal.

"A lot of country newspapers", observes the Edina, Mo., Sentinel, "are machine poon, the typesetting machine or press they purchased some years ago are needing replacement with a new one and no money in the treasury to do it with. They have overlooked that word depreciation. Somewhat like others with an automobile, perhaps. The newspapers' machine being higher priced, in the \$4500 to \$5500 class, makes it worse. It would be a safe bet there is not a one in this part of the state which even has a fair start towards the payment of a new one. And so they mortgage the plant and go on right over again trying to pay out as they did the first time. Or else sell out. Something is going to happen—is happening. They can never do what they should for their communities the way they are operating. They will have to get on a better business basis some way. Country newspapers are departing faster than village blacksmiths".

The Standard is sending out statements to its readers giving their standing on the subscription books. This list has been neglected of late knowing our farmer friends have been hard pressed for ready cash, but this reason gives us no further worry as we are now pushed for ready cash. Heretofore little attention has been given to these statements, but we expect to drop many from our list unless remittance is made by February 1. These amounts are small, but in the aggregate mean quite a bit to the publisher and must be paid. A return addressed envelope will be sent with each statement in order that no delay may arise. We have tried to publish a readable paper and if you appreciate same, look pleasant and remit at once.

We see nothing in the Republican papers as to available timber in their party for Governor to succeed Mr. Baker and The Standard will not hesitate to point out to them a seasoned bit of timber that would neither break down nor bend, and that is our fellow-townsmen C. D. Matthews. He knows big business and he knows little business and that makes him better fitted for a real executive than any man mentioned by either party. Some of these days the people are going to look for service instead of political spoils and when that time comes, look out for C. D. Matthews. There are neither rotten spots nor shakes in this piece of timber and The Standard will charge nothing for presenting an honest business man for their consideration.

As usual, the Democrats of the State are preparing for a walk-over for the Republicans this fall. Four patriots are ready to sacrifice themselves on the political altar whether they are fit or not, or wanted or not. Hawes and Meredith have already started a fight that will not down. Judge Cockrell is saying "Sic 'em" and saving Wood. A party by the name of Young of St. Joe, who ran on a wet platform once before, is out of liquor and is now a dry candidate. It will be a merry old fight that will end by all four of them staying at home.

How would you like to be the coal man with nothing to do but sell coal and take the money? Cold weather drives us to him whether we like it or not.

A newly-born calf was carried away off a Buckingham farm by a vixen, who carried it to her litter of cubs in a covert.

### MISSOURI'S 1925 CROP INVOICE

Jefferson City, January 13.—The grand total invoice value at the farm of the 1925 Missouri field, truck, fruits and pasture crops is \$356,647,720 compared to the farm value of \$370,404,890, or 3.7 per cent less than in 1924, while the total field and truck crop acreage was 15,077,600 acres against 14,540,320 acres in 1924 which was 37 per cent more, according to E. A. Logan, Agricultural Statistician of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Jewell Mayes, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

The acreage in 1925 of the five leading crops—corn, tame hay, oats, wheat and cotton was 14,132,000 against 13,600,000 in 1924, which is 94 per cent of the 1925 total Missouri acreage in crops. Reduction in total values at farm of corn, hay and cotton was not overcome by advances in wheat, fruit and truck crops. Principal increases in crop acreages grown for 1925 were in corn, oats and wheat, but decrease is noted in hay and other forage crops.

The following is detailed summary of production and total value of Missouri farm crops for year ending December 31, 1925:

Corn—6,825,000 acres, 29.5 bushels per acre, 201,338,000 bushels, 69 cents per bushel, value \$138,923,220.  
Winter Wheat—1,664,000 acres, 13.2 bushels per acre, 21,965,000 bushels, value \$32,947,500.  
Spring Wheat—7,000 acres, 16 bushels per acre, 112,000 bushels, \$1.50 per bushel, value \$168,000.  
Oats—1,891,000 acres, 26.0 bushels per acre, 49,166,000 bushels, 44 cents per bushel, value \$21,633,040.

Barley—5,000 acres, 31 bushels per acre, 155,000 bushels, 95 cents per bushel, value \$147,250.

Rye—25,000 acres, 12 bushels per acre, 300,000 bushels, \$1.20 per bushel, value \$360,000.

Buckwheat—1000 acres, 14 bushels per acre, 14,000 bushels, 90 cents per bushel, value \$12,600.

Flaxseed—1000 acres, 7.5 bushels per acre, 7500 bushels, \$1.90 per bushel, value \$15,000.

Rice—4000 acres, 65 bushels per acre, 260,000 bushels, \$1.55 per bushel, \$403,000.

Tame Hay—3,258,000 acres, 1.10 tons per acre, 3,584,000 tons, \$12.80 per ton, \$45,875,200.

Prairie Hay—130,000 acres, .86 tons per acre, 112,000 tons, \$9.00 per ton, value \$1,008,000.

Cowpea Hay—45,000 acres, 1.55 tons per acre, 69,000 tons, \$9.00 per ton, value \$621,000.

Soybean Hay—96,000 acres, 1.50 tons per acre, 144,000 tons \$9.00 per ton, value \$1,296,000.

Grain Sorghum Forage—132,000 acres, 3.25 tons per acre, 429,000 tons, \$9.00 per ton, value \$3,861,000.

Cotton Lint—487,000 acres, 260 pounds per acre, 126,000,000 pounds, 12.5 cents per pound value \$15,750,000.

Cottonseed—487,000 acres, 520 lbs. per acre, 130,000 tons, \$25 per ton, value \$3,250,000.

Potatoes—88,000 acres, 57 bushels per acre, 5,016,000 bushels, \$2.25 per bushel value \$11,286,000.

Sweet Potatoes—6000 acres, 95 bushels per acre, 570,000 bushels, \$1.65 per bushel, \$940,500.

Sorgo Syrup—22,000 acres, 76 gal. per acre, 1,672,000 gal., \$1.02 per gal., value \$1,705,440.

Beans—3000 acres, 5.5 bushels per acre, 16,500 bushels, \$4.20 per bushel, value \$69,500.

Cabbage—900 acres, 6 tons per acre, 5400 tons, \$38 per ton, value \$205,200.

Peanuts—300 acres, 13.5 bushels per acre, 4000 bushels, \$2 per bushel, value \$8000.

Broomcorn—2500 acres, 34 lbs. per acre, 475 tons, \$210 per ton, value \$99,750.

Tobacco—5000 acres, 815 lbs. per acre, 4,075,000 pounds, 27 cents per lb., value \$1,100,250.

Sunflower—6000 acres, 500 lbs. per acre, 3,000,000 pounds, 3 cents per pound, value \$90,000.

Clover seed—20,000 acres, 1.50 bu. per acre, 30,000 bushels, \$13.60 per bu., value \$408,000.

Alfalfa seed—3000 acres, 2.60 bu. per acre, 8000 bu., \$13.75 per bu., value \$110,000.

Timothy Seed—90,000 acres, 4.0 bushels per acre, 360,000 bu., \$3.35 per bushel, value \$1,386,000.

Cowpea seed—37,000 acres, 10 bu. per acre, 370,000 bu., \$2.50 per bu., value \$925,000.

Soybean seed—109,000 acres, 11.6 bu. per acre, 1,264,000 bushels, \$2.30 per bu., value \$2,907,200.

Grain Sorghum Seed—57,000 acres, 15 bushels per acre, 855,000 bu., \$1.25 per bu., value \$1,068,750.

Tomatoes for canning—28,680 a., 3.7 tons per acre, 106,800 tons, \$13.52 per ton, value \$1,433,120.

Tomatoes fresh for table use—3000 acres, 100 bu. per acre, 300,000 bu., 80 cents per bushel, value \$240,000.

Cucumbers—2000 acres, 150 bu., per acre, 300,000, 70 cents per bu., value \$210,000.

Apples, farm crop—2,162,000 bu., \$1.30 per bu., \$2,810,600.

Watermelons, commercial crop—9,020 acres, 3,150 cars, \$290 per car, value \$913,500.

Cantaloupes—200 acres, 60 crates per acre, 12,000 crates, \$1.25 per crate, \$15,000.

Strawberries—14,000 acres, 1650 quarts per acre, 23,100,000 quarts, 19 cents per qt. \$3,696,000.

Apples commercial crop—646,000 barrels, \$3.90 per barrel, \$2,519,400.

Peaches—870,000 bu., \$1.80 per bu., \$1,566,000.

Pears—342,000 bu., \$1.20 per bu., \$410,400.

Grapes—11,520,000 pounds, 2.95 cents per pound, \$339,400.

Fruit and garden crops—260,484 farms, \$65 per farm, \$16,931,460.

Pasture, bluegrass and cultivated grasses—7,552,000 acres, \$3.50 per acre season, \$26,432,000.

Pasture woodland and semi-improved land—5,183,000 acres, \$1.50 per acre per season, \$7,775,000.

Pasture, raw and undeveloped land—4,250,000 acres, 50 cents per acre per season, \$2,125,000.

The Missouri taxpayer of today pays a state property tax less than one-sixth of the state rate levied sixty years ago. The total state rate today is 11c on the \$100 assessed valuation. In 1866 the state rate was 70c. In both cases the state also had an income tax and in 1866 there was a state poll tax of \$1.00 on males between the ages of 21 years and 50 years of age. The 70c state rate of 1866 was divided into a 30c levy to pay off the Union military bonds and a 40c levy for state government and state interest expenditures. No part of the general state tax revenue in 1867 was apportioned among the schools.

Where does the dog sleep these cold days? Is his house warm? This is no kind of weather to sleep in a barrel whose seams are wide open to the wind and rain. A dog catches cold and takes pneumonia and suffers and dies exactly as humans do under the same circumstances. I saw a shivering animal tied to an old barrel in which there was not even an old rag for a bed. That is scarcely human. Either give the dog a comfortable warm house and bed or send him somewhere to get proper care.—Angelo Patri.

Mount Jobe, one of the highest peaks of the Northern Canadian Rockies, was named in honor of Mrs. Carl Akeley, wife of the African explorer and formerly Miss Mary L. Jobe.

### SPRING STYLES

Reversible coats will be a boom to us who can afford only one. The materials will be mostly taffetas, chiffons and velvets. One in good taste is black on one side and gray on the other, but brilliant colorings will also be used.

Rumor has it, that bustles will return and Riviera fashion promoters are making a lot of "the jelly bug bustle frock".

Recent propaganda is the "return of curved waists and plump figures". Surely will be a relief to those who have so religiously taken reducing exercises the past few years.

Pleats and more pleats seem to be the thing.

A movement is on foot to lengthen skirts, but that will be hard to do when doctors and women are "agin it". Freedom of throat, legs and

waist are too comfortable to give up without a struggle.

New potatoes are harmful if eaten before they are rip enough.

London's birth rate in 1924 was 18.6 per 1000, as compared with 20.9 in 1923 and 20.9 in 1922.



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**St. Francis Xavier Church.**  
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T. R. WOODS, Pastor.

**Methodist Church.**  
9:30—Sunday School.  
10:40—Junior Congregation.  
11:00—Morning services. Subject: "The Unearned Throne".  
6:30—Intermediate and Senior Epworth Leagues.  
7:30—Evening services. Subject: "Keeping the Vineyard".  
You are cordially invited to these services.

REV. ENSOR, Pastor

**Nazarene Church**  
9:45—Sunday School.  
11:00—Preaching.  
6:30—Young people's meeting.  
7:30—Preaching.  
The public is invited to attend all services.

J. L. COX, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church**  
Meets Sunday in the new building on Matthews Avenue.  
9:45—Sunday School.  
11:00—Morning worship.  
You are invited to these services.  
H. L. SAUNDERS, Pastor.

**Baptist Church**  
9:30—Sunday School.  
11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.  
6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Both Senior and Intermediate. Meet for Bible Study.  
7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor.

You are invited to all our services and cordially welcome.  
S. P. BRITE, Pastor

**First Christian Church**  
9:45—Bible School.  
10:45—Morning Worship. Subject: "Christian Education".  
6:30—Christian Endeavor.  
7:30—Evening Worship. Subject: "Living Waters".  
Mid-week worship, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
The public invited to all services.  
E. B. HENSLEY, Pastor.

**Lutheran Church**  
Service at Miner Switch  
10:30—Morning Services. Subject: "The First Miracle of Jesus".  
All are invited to attend our service.  
E. H. KOERBER, Pastor

**THE HOME PAPER BEST**  
"Irreverent shears are never laid upon the President's home town paper. That is the greatest newspaper that comes to the White House, and the President wants it all!"—Tomahawk, Wis., Leader.

The population of every great city is largely made up of men and women from small towns. Many of them are never weaned away from the old home surroundings and they read the home town paper from the first paragraph to the last. That is the reason the rural papers of America have such a far-reaching influence in safeguarding the ideals and traditions of our constitutional form of government and what it stands for.

With a capitalization of \$2,500,000, the American Train Dispatchers' Association has entered the banking field in Chicago, following the successful lead of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in several places. They will hold the stock themselves, but will employ professional bankers to run the details of the business. This is the shortest and surest way to bring business and labor together.

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## MINNER TRIED AS PARTY TO NEW YEAR DUEL

Essex, January 14.—The first legal battle to fix responsibility for the slaying of Charles F. McMullin, wealthy Sikeston landowner, was underway in justice court today.

Richard Minner, riding boss for McMullin, and his companion on New Year day when the latter was shot and fatally wounded by Frank Riley, La Valle tenant farmer, was on trial, charged with felonious assault on Riley.

When Minner was arrested at Sikeston on a warrant issued in justice court here, it was the first intimation that he had any direct connection with the shooting, in which Riley was also seriously injured. An affidavit for Minner's arrest was made by Allen Royal, farm hand of Riley's who claims to have been an eye witness to the tragedy. That Minner was responsible for the shooting of Riley, was expected to be Royal's testimony at the hearing.

The hearing was expected to be attended by friends of all the principals in the shooting, Sikeston sending many friends of the slain man to the trial.

Prosecuting Attorney C. A. Powell, who said the warrant against Minner was issued without his knowledge, is being assisted in the trial by attorneys, who, it is understood, will represent Frank Riley in the state's murder trial against him. On the other hand, Minner is represented by attorneys who will undoubtedly assist the state in the prosecution of the murder charge against Riley.

Riley was not present at the hearing, it being reported that his wounds has not sufficiently healed. Many of his friends from the La Valle district were present, however.

The charge that McMullin was killed because of his knowledge of illicit liquor operations in the La Valle district has been made openly by friends of the Sikeston man. A minister of Sikeston, in a sermon Sunday night, made the direct charge that McMullin was a "marked man" in the La Valle district, and that his death could be laid directly to the liquor traffic.

The prominence of Mr. McMullin and Riley's past record has caused the affair to gain unusual notice. Riley lived on a farm owned by McMullin. The argument resulting in the tragedy is said to have been over a question of feeding the livestock, according to reports.

Main prosecuting witness did not appear so the trial was continued until January 28. A large number of Sikeston people were there.

## SEEKS NONPARTISAN ACTION ON TAX BILL

Washington, January 12.—Non-partisan action by the Senate on the House revenue bill, to assure its enactment before March 15, when first income tax installments are due, is, in the opinion of President Coolidge, highly desirable.

He believes the program the Senate Finance Committee demands, for an increase of \$170,000,000 over the total of the tax reduction provided by the House measure, would be unwise from an economic standpoint and might involve a party fight, which might delay prompt action.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the committee, announced today, however, that, although the committee had rejected the plan for an increased reduction, he expected to gain enough support in the Senate for its adoption.

At the same time, he insisted that a fight for adoption of the amendments proposed by the minority members would not be permitted to prevent final action on the bill before March 1, the present program of leaders of both parties.

Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee announced he would ask the Senate to start consideration of the bill as soon as it can be presented by the committee, probably next week.

## GREEN LESCHER SELLS PAPER ROUTE TO BLUFF MAN

Green Lescher has sold his paper route in Sikeston to Bobbie Robertson of Poplar Bluff. Mr. Robertson is connected with the Energy Coal Co. in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Lescher will go West for Mrs. Lescher's health, as this climate does not agree with her. Of all the men who have handled the daily papers in this city, Green Lescher has given superior service to any of them. He was ably assisted by Mrs. Lescher, who usually accompanied him in the car.

Screws, especially the smallest sizes, are being very extensively stolen railway carriages. Window strips are also "popular booty" among the less scrupulous passengers.

## NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

## Farm Loan Association Has Annual Meeting

The New Madrid County Farm Loan Association held its annual meeting Tuesday morning at the office of the eFarm Bureau. A discussion of past years business was had and a dividend of 30 per cent of the unpaid accumulated dividends was declared. The board of directors for the coming year was elected. The men elected to this board were: E. V. Jewett, Parma; George M. Meier, Parma; T. L. Bierbower, Malden; J. J. Klipfel, Portageville and Sam R. Shy, New Madrid. Following the adjournment of the meeting, the new board of directors met and elected their officers. E. V. Jewett, president; George M. Meier, vice-president; Scott M. Julian, Secretary-Treasurer. Loan Committee: Sam R. Shy, J. J. Klipfel and George Meier.

## Soybeans and Sweet Clover Growing in Popularity

It has become very evident that soybeans, heretofore an untried crop in New Madrid county, and sweet clover are rapidly growing in popularity. In 1924 there was less than 30 acres of soybeans and in 1925 over 1000. Although many farmers in attempting to save seed lost some beans, nevertheless, there has not been a one who grew them last year who does not want to grow them this year and are very enthusiastic about them. In every case they prefer them as a hay to cowpeas. Two of the outstanding successful varieties are the Laredo and Virginia. Both of these have done exceedingly well in New Madrid County. Paul H. Teal of Morehouse, has just reported a late planted acre of Virginias as yielding 23 bushels of seed besides a good bit of hay. J. K. Robbins of Marston had over a 100 acres planted to this crop including the Laredo and Midwest varieties. One of his fields was estimated at blooming time as having four tons of hay on it. It is quite evident that there will be a goodly increase of acreage in this crop this year, part of which will be due to the fact that cowpeas are unavailable. Sweet clover is also becoming in demand. Even the dry weather last year prevented outstanding success, nevertheless, the results obtained by the farmers have encouraged them to plant more. Both crops are adapted to Southeast Missouri—both are soil builders of the first water and both will prove to satisfy a long felt need of the farmers.

The date for an election to choose his successor has not yet been fixed.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The Federal Farm Loan and Joint Land Banks came into existence for the purpose of furnishing farmers money at less than commercial rates. Time has demonstrated that they cannot make money grow on trees or save an incompetent farmer from the result of his own ignorance or folly. But these federal loan agencies financed through tax-exempt bonds, have furnished the stimulus which has encouraged private bankers and private investors to study the farm loan question in a more serious manner and evolve better and more efficient methods of furnishing the farmer money.

Public regulation and economic conditions forced the public utilities to adopt the customer and employee ownership method of financing their properties. It is altogether probable that private enterprise as a result of changing farm problems may evolve a system of financing farm loans on a somewhat similar basis, namely, selling farm securities to the public in small amounts through a general holding or investing company which deals in farm mortgages. Why not? It is being done in banking and public utility securities. Is it impossible to figure out a somewhat similar system for farms?

## \$15,345,000 POWER PROJECT APPROVED BY STATE BOARD

Jefferson City, January 13.—The State Public Service Commission today granted the Missouri Hydro-Electric Power Co., a certificate of public convenience and necessity to build and operate a hydro-electric power plant on the Osage River, near Bagnell, Mo. The certificate is conditioned upon the power company obtaining the consent of Miller, Camden, Morgan and Benton Counties, in which the proposed water impounding reservoir, 100 miles in length, would be built.

The estimated cost of the dam and power plant is \$15,345,000. An application of the company for approval of its proposed financing plan, involving the issuance of approximately \$19,000,000 in securities, still is pending before the commission, but action on it has been deferred at the request of the company.

The company proposes to erect the dam five miles above Bagnell, in Miller County. The plans provide a dam 2360 feet in length and 136 feet in height and wide enough at the top for State highways Nos. 15 and 5 to cross it. The lake that would be formed would have a shore line of approximately 970 miles, and would submerge 53,400 acres of land, including the town of Linn Creek, county seat of Camden County.

Walter Cravens, president of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, is president of the company, and Ralph Street of Kansas City is vice-president.

## MASON'S ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR, WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The duly elected officers of the Masonic Lodge, were installed Wednesday night by G. A. Sample, District Lecturer. The officers are as follows: Worshipful Master—J. H. Hayden. Senior Warden—T. C. Dye. Junior Warden—Rufus Reed. Secretary—A. A. Harrison. Treasurer—Ralph Anderson. Chaplain—A. B. Dill. Marshal—F. E. Mount. Senior Deacon—Harry Dudley. Junior Deacon—Jean Hirschberg. Senior Steward—Wade Shankle. Junior Steward—L. R. Burns. Tiler—A. C. Johnson.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO GREER HOME THURSDAY

The Sikeston Fire Department did some real fire fighting Thursday afternoon, when they were called to the G. B. Greer home. The roof had presumably caught fire from the flue and a place about eight feet square was burned. Owing to the quick work of the fire department, no other damage was done.

## LANGLEY URGES WIFE'S ELECTION TO CONGRESS

Pikeville, Ky., January 13.—An appeal to his constituents to elect his wife to Congress was made in a statement that Representative John W. Langley left to be made public today, following his departure last night in a taxicab for Williamson, W. Va., en route to Covington, Ky. Friends say they understand he was going to surrender to the United States Marshal, who is to take him to the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary to serve a two-year term.

Langley, who resigned from Congress Monday, after losing his appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, in his plea for Mrs. Langley to succeed him from the Tenth District, said he was heavily in debt and his home mortgaged, and reiterated his denial of guilt of the charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law.

The date for an election to choose his successor has not yet been fixed.

## A QUESTIONABLE REMEDY

Compulsory automobile insurance is proposed to reduce automobile accidents and to compensate those who have received injury or lost life thru the fault of operators of automobiles who are financially irresponsible and unable to pay money damage.

A survey of automobile accidents in the city of Cleveland shows that in only 39 per cent of cases investigated were automobile drivers held to blame for accidents.

Using this example as a basis for figuring, Edward C. Stone, of the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, applies it to a state like Massachusetts, which has about four million population. He makes his comparisons from official figures as to accidents, insured cars, and financially responsible drivers.

The startling conclusion which he shows is that this supposedly remedial legislation would be saddled upon all automobile owners to compel them to do certain things because of the irresponsible action of some 3000 persons in a state like Massachusetts, where there are some 700,000 automobile operators.

Would a compulsory insurance law tend to create carelessness on the part of a careless or irresponsible person? It would probably have just the opposite effect, by relieving such drivers of all possible responsibility. Such a compulsory law would undoubtedly build up an enormous political machine to administer it under a state fund.

The thing most essential today is to reduce the number of accidents, and not to make it easier to have an accident at the expense of somebody else.

IN A SERVICE, 748 HYMNS USED

Redland, Calif., January 11.—As a sequel to the reading aloud of the entire Bible last summer, all the hymns in the standard hymn book of the Methodist Episcopal church were read, recited or sung in the Methodist Episcopal church at Yucaipa in an 11-hour period which ended at 11 o'clock last night.

Seven hundred and forty-eight hymns were used in the service. The hymn book marathon was arranged by the Rev. E. D. Raley, pastor of the church, for the purpose, he said, of "revealing the theology, beauty and inspiration of the sacred songs."

Leo Becker, one of the firm of the Mary Jane Peach Orchard and a resident of St. Louis, was a business visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

The balance existing between demand and supply of labor reflects the general stability of the country's business. Where there is a job there is a man to take it, and where there is a worker unemployed there is a place waiting for him, reports the United States Employment Service.

## FRANC FORGERIES SEQUEL TO A WAR PLAN OF GERMANY

London, January 10.—The French 1000-franc notes, forged in Budapest, which are creating an international scandal, are believed in well-informed quarters to have been prepared in Munich as a war measure by the German Government late in 1917, but never used.

These plates were made after a conference between German and Austro-Hungarian financial experts as to the best means of attacking allied credit. It was desired to forge Bank of England notes, but this was rejected, as it was impossible to duplicate the water mark and paper. The French notes were selected as the next best war measure.

When the war began to go badly for Germany the plot was not carried out through fear of financial reprisals after peace, and the French secret service, which got wind of the plot in Switzerland, attempted after the armistice to locate the plates. These were traced from Munich to Budapest in 1919. There all trace of them was lost.

During the negotiation of the Treaty of Trianon in 1920 the French asked Hungary to find and return the plates, but the latter after an investigation declared that they could not be found. It is now assumed that the group of Hungarian plotters who started forging 1000-franc notes used the old Munich plates prepared by official engravers of the German Government, which produced a forgery practically impossible to detect.

It is not true that the Hungarians have recently circulated forged Czech and Serbian notes. But in 1920 they did forge Czech notes, not to attack Czech credit but to distribute them to Slovak and Magyar agitators inside former Hungarian territory that had been ceded to Czechoslovakia.

The Czechs protested and the men were arrested in Vienna and afterwards released. Both of these men have now been rearrested in Hungary in connection with the franc plot.

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## ITEMS OF INTERES FROM OVER MISSOURI

Trenton—Junior Poultry Club organized recently, by Grand River Valley Poultry Association.

Mexico—Streets around square to be resurfaced.

Fulton—Work of repairing state highway No. 2 between here and Columbia, progressing rapidly.

Pattonsburg—5 cars stock shipped from here recently.

Trenton—New junior college may be established in connection with high school.

Center—Four carloads poultry shipped to New York City markets recently.

Carthage—Missouri Pacific Railroad to double-track White River line from here to Cotter or Batesville, Arkansas.

Cameron—Movement on foot for establishing canning factory here.

Carthage—New dry milk plant proposed for this place.

Grain Valley—High school building recently destroyed by fire, to be rebuilt.

Carthage—Paving work progressing rapidly on Highway No. 14.

Pierce City—Pierce City Live Stock Association shipped carload stock recently.

St. James—Much stock being shipped from here.

Exeter—Construction of new community house to begin soon.

Vineland—New sawmill located here.

Lee's Summit—Contract to be let for improving Jackson County Park, near here.

Owensville—Work begun on new factory building of Locking Zinc Shingle Manufacturing Co.

Vineland—Dr. Gibson shipped carload cattle recently.

La Belle—Electric lighting system to be rebuilt.

Princeton—Stock, shipments unusually heavy.

Seligman—New community house to be built.

Joplin—Underwriters' Land Co. and Consolidated Lead & Zinc Co., merge. Caruthersville—"Democrat Argus" installs new linotype.

Gower—New rock road opened between this place and St. Joseph.

Marshfield—This city to have new overall factory.

Boonville—Local utility company announces plans for doubling capacity of plant.

Chillicothe—Plans prepared for new city hall.

Manchester—18-hole golf course to be feature of Manchester Hill project.

St. Francois—New boiler plant being erected for National Lead Co.

Larussell—Ozark Utilities Corporation planning to establish plant on Adams Mill site.

Ozark—Plans under way for forming poultry association here.

Wyatt—Buildings recently destroyed by fire, to be replaced.

Hamilton—City votes to pave five blocks of main streets.

East Prairie—Stave mill employing between 50 and 60 men, completed here recently.

Trenton—Cousins Lumber Company sold to McGee Lumber Co., of Richmond.

Orick—Atlas Lumber plant recently destroyed by fire, to be rebuilt.

Moberly—Highway No. 7 from here to Hinton, will be paved.

## YOU SHOULD WORRY

A misguided newspaper editor in the East not long ago advised his readers never to worry when they heard of a fire occurring because the insurance companies are well able to pay their losses.

It should be realized by everyone that all property destroyed by the flames is a definite loss to society, that insurance companies can only pay their claims from premiums collected from the public and, furthermore, that high losses make high rates. Consequently, everyone should worry when fire breaks out because everyone pays the bill, either directly or indirectly, whether insured or uninsured.

This should be obvious since fire premiums, like taxes, are part of the overhead of every business—whether it be baking or candlestick making—and must be added to the price of merchandise.

What does this editor say when fire destroys a large factory supplying the chief means of livelihood for a whole town and throws thousands of people out of work? Does he advise the operatives not to worry about their food and rent while waiting wageless for the factory to be rebuilt, but to place ruby lenses in their spectacles and join the Pollyannas? Probably not, yet such conditions are among the results of fire, witnessed not rarely, but with regrettable frequency.

Last, but not least, fire causes thousands of terrible, disfiguring injuries and much loss of life.

## A SCOOP

This column hereby seizes the opportunity to be the first to announce that the star of Alfred E. Smith has passed the zenith. Future historians will date the Smith decline from, approximately, January 5, 1926, when the Republican leaders at Albany let it be known that henceforth they will be the Governor's friends. Instead of embarrassing the Chief Executive the Republicans will co-operate. It will be recalled that, up to the present, every time the Albany leaders set out to embarrass Governor Smith somebody had to send in a hurry call for a Republican wrecking train and a fleet of ambulances. On what meat had this our Alfred fed that he has grown so great? Well, chiefly on embarrassments supplied by the legislative Republicans. Whenever the Smith dietary threatened to run short of calories, proteins and vitamins, the party of the second part hastened forward with a perfectly unimpeachable embarrassment for the Governor.

To the Albany Republicans, therefore, our congratulations go forward, not only as good citizens but as admirable strategists. The legend of Smith irresistibility is bound to fade rapidly as people give up resisting him. Then will come the time for a final settlement. Like Jack Dempsey, he will go soft for lack of training. Al Smith would never have had the easy time he experienced in his recent scrap with the Bushwick Kid if the people up at Albany had not kept him in the pink of condition.

## MISCELLANEOUS RECIPES

## Nut Bread

2 cups white flour  
2 cups graham flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup nuts  
2 cups milk  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon salt  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
First mix your dry ingredients, add milk and egg and let stand 20 min. before baking 45 minutes in medium oven.

## Roast Spareribs with Apples

Salt an dfill the ribs with apples that have been pared and quartered, sprinkle with cinnamon, a pinch of cloves and a little sugar. Roll and wrap with a string and cook until tender and brown. Serve with the apples and gravy.

## Cheese Custard

Three slices of stale bread we'll buttered with ¼ lb. of grated cheese put between the slices. Add 4 beaten eggs and 3 cups of milk well mixed and salt to taste. Bake about 20 minutes. A good substitute for meat and delicious served with sliced tomatoes.

## Creamed Tuna and Rice

Put can of fish before opening, into boiling water and heat through; put fish in center of platter with rice around it. Put the cream sauce over the fish, dust with paprika and sprinkle with chopped parsley, celery tops or green peppers.

Sauce—3 tablespoons butter and 2 tablespoons of flour browned together, add 1 cup milk, salt, pepper and lemon juice to taste.

## Marshmallow and Pineapple Cream

2 cans of grated pineapple  
40 marshmallows  
1 quart of cream  
1 quart milk nad sugar to taste  
Cut marshmallows in pieces and add to pineapple and sugar. Add this mixture to milk and cream. Freeze.

## Cranberry Ice

Cook one quart of cranberries with one quart of water until berries are tender; strain through a fine sieve; add 2 cups of sugar and cook until this is thoroughly dissolved. Cool, stir in the juice of two lemons and freeze as you would a water ice.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

The Catholic ladies will give a dinner Wednesday, January 20, in the basement of the Court House. Everybody invited.

The third number of the lyceum course will present Emma Dee Daniels at the Dixie Theatre, Tuesday night, January 19. These numbers are given under the auspices of the Catholic ladies.

At a negro dance, about two miles from New Madrid, on Hal Hunter's place, a dark woman was shot and seriously wounded by another colored woman by the name of Lorene Strong. One had stepped on the other's foot, which started the difficulty, and the Strong woman went out to the car and got a gun and came back in the house and shot the woman in the breast, the bullet lodging in the back, just below the shoulder blade. She was taken to a hospital in Memphis. The Strong woman fled and went to a house, and as yet, has not been found, but T. L. Watson, a colored man, has been arrested for assisting in her get-away, as it is stated he drove her to Sikeston. Watson is in jail.

The Masonic Lodge held a meeting at the hall Monday, with the following officers elected as follows:

Robert H. Bierchwal—Master Mason.  
S. M. Julian—Senior Warden.  
J. M. Miles—Junior Warden.  
M. F. Ehlers—Treasurer.  
Wm. Buesching—Secretary.  
Those appointed were as follows:  
Dr. W. N. O'Bannon—Senior Deacon.

H. Schreff—Junior Deacon.  
H. G. Sharp—Senior Steward.  
Alfred Stepp—Junior Steward.  
C. M. Barnes, Marshal.  
Conner Fleming—Tiler.  
C. M. Shellenberger—Chaplain.

Several lodges were represented and James A. Kinder and L. G. Stov-

all of Cape Girardeau, were present and assisted in the work. A fine banquet was served.

The Eastern Star lodge held an installation of officers at the hall Tuesday night, as follows:

Nancy Mecklem—Worthy Matron.  
C. M. Shellenberger—Worthy Patron.

Mrs. Fannie Fine—Associate Matron.

Wm. Buesching—Treasurer.  
Eloise Mathewson—Secretary.  
Mabel Mecklem—Conductress.

Mrs. Irene Buchanan—Associate Conductress.

Mrs. Annie Sheehy—Adah.  
Mrs. Bessie V. Perkins—Ruth.

Mrs. Mary E. Baynes—Esther.  
Mrs. Icy Maude Miles—Martha.

Mrs. Ola Shellenberger—Chaplain.  
Mrs. Birdie Ramsburgh—Warden.

Mrs. Florence Ethel Stearns—Organist.

Mrs. Esther Buesching—Marshal.  
Mrs. Quintis Richards—Sentinel.

Mrs. Bryant of Wilson, Ark., a member of the Eastern Star Order, was present. An elegant supper was served.

Sheriff Wade Tucker and Deputy George A. Babcock raided a still near Selkirk Tuesday, in operation by A. E. French and Clay McDaniel. A gallon of the liquor was brought to town along with the offenders, who were arrested and placed in jail.

Ralph Berryman visited his parents, of this city, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell and family and the former's mother, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, left Sunday for Eldorado, Ark., to make their home, where Mr. Mitchell is engaged in business. New Madrid regrets very much to see this estimable family leave.

Meedames A. O. Cook, Eddy Phillips and Milton Mann and Misses Vivian Boone and Helen Phelan motored to St. Louis Thursday to attend "The Miracle".

Mrs. Irma Weigle of California, Mo., arrived Sunday on a visit to Mrs. C. C. Bock and other friends.

Mrs. H. Clay Hunter very graciously entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Sr., on Main Street, Tuesday. Mrs. Irma Weigle, being the successful player, was presented with a box of stationery, while the consolation prize, a China flower, went to Mrs. June C. St. Mary. Concluding a most pleasant time, the hostess served a very delightful luncheon, consisting of beef loaf, spaghetti, pineapple salad, olives, pickled peaches, rolls, coffee and candy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud spent last Sunday in Benton, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. J. Renner and family.

B. M. Jones left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Jonestown, Miss.

Mrs. Frank Wisdom, who spent several months with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Berryman of this city, left Sunday for her home in De Soto.

Mrs. John Q. Stevens returned last week from a visit with friends at Fredericktown and Cape Girardeau.

Attorney James A. Finch spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Perryville looking after professional matters.

Atty. Thos. Gullivan returned Tuesday from Ellsberry, Mo., where he was looking after farming interests.

A shooting affray occurred at the Blue Front restaurant Saturday night, the place being run by colored people, when Bill Hereford and Frank Reeves, both colored, got into a difficulty, and Reeves shot and seriously wounded Hereford, by shooting him in the right breast. Soon after the shooting, Reeves fled for parts unknown and his whereabouts have not been ascertained by the officers.

New Madrid high school basketball teams were entertained with a radio party at the home of L. Shainberg on Scott street, Tuesday evening.

Quite a number are on the sick list in this community this week. Irwin Smoot is confined to his room with the flu, Cal Stevens is on the sick list and Herb Walton is improving some on last report.

Mrs. Eula Grigsby is visiting with friends in Sikeston this week.

George Palm, of St. Louis, arrived today to visit his sister and family Mrs. Roland Malcolm.

Thomas Smoot of Villa Ridge, Ill., is visiting at his son's home.

Rev. Patterson of Morley will preach at our church, Sunday night, January 17.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Smetts, Tuesday, January 12, a 10-pound boy. P. J. Kiffin of Galdstone, called on Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stevens Tuesday.

E. G. Grigsby is having trouble with rheumatism, this week.

Miss Ere Grigsby is confined to her room this week with the flu.

Lelan Catledge is recovering from the flu.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us at the time of the recent illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Betty Marshall.

The Family.

Reports to the United States Department of Agriculture from 43 State agricultural colleges show that 29 of these colleges are giving 47 courses of study which deal specially with agricultural co-operation. Eleven other colleges are giving 36 courses in which co-operative marketing is made part of the courses in marketing and economics.

### CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Phillips are the proud parents of a baby boy born on Monday night. The youngster weighed nine and a half pounds.

Dr. F. A. Elders had Lewis Sedrick in Poplar Bluff consulting a specialist at the Brandon hospital this week.

Lewis Griswold of Gray Ridge stopped in town Wednesday en route home for a two weeks' visit with his parents at Decatur, Ill.

Mrs. J. T. Hart served a two-course luncheon to the Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. R. E. Lowe, on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin, Mrs. I. H. Dunaway and Wm. Marvin Griffin were shopping in Cape Girardeau, Wednesday.

Lewis Griswold reports that there have been two sent to the reform school, six to the penitentiary and one man shot at Buffington during the past several months. Two boys who stole cars were sent to the penitentiary just a week after their offense. This is swift justice, which will make some of the many criminally inclined of the day, take notice, and will give England something to work for.

The Bevel Brothers, who were operating a garage in Morehouse recently, left after having fleeced everyone they could. They apparently worked an intentional confidence game of using the bankruptcy and debt law to shield criminal intentions. For many months the banks reported they were salting away bills of as big denomination as they could get. First they attempted to catch the Carter Monto Co., in a mortgage deal, then the bank in a similar deal and finally ended up leaving the tire companies and other wholesalers holding the sack.

Morehouse basketball fans were treated to another double victory on Tuesday night, when the girls beat Canalou 22-1 and the boys beat the hard-living East Prairie Independent team 10-8.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Small red fox terrier. Reward.—Mrs. Gord Dill.

### MAN IS HIT AT GRADE CROSSING

Thomas "Tommy" Rogers, 32, farmer of near Blodgett, sustained a fracture of the right leg at the knee, when the Ford touring car in which he was driving was hit by a north bound passenger train on the Missouri Pacific line, 1½ miles east of Blodgett, at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

An X-ray examination was made at a Cape Girardeau hospital, where he was brought at noon Wednesday, to determine the seriousness of the fracture. It was believed that the limb was badly mangled in the accident.

The young farmer was driving toward Blodgett alone and failed to see the approaching train when he drove onto the grade crossing as the auto curtains were drawn. The automobile was badly damaged in the wreck, Rogers being thrown to the side with the machine.

Rogers is a prosperous farmer. His wife and a number of citizens of Blodgett came here with the accident victim.—Cape Missourian.

### MILK BREAD RICH IN TASTE AND FOOD VALUE

There is a world of difference in the sound and in the taste of bread and milk and bread and water. Judged in several ways, there is a similar difference between bread made with milk and bread made with water.

Milk and wheat are an excellent food combination whether they are mixed before or after baking. The milk supplies food materials that the wheat lacks, and vice versa. Milk, for instance, happens to be particularly rich in calcium, while wheat contains very little. Calcium is a mineral that the body needs constantly for building and repairing bones, teeth, and other tissues. Unfortunately the average American diet is often rather low in calcium. Milk bread is therefore one way of giving the body a more generous supply of this valuable mineral. Bread made with milk also tastes richer and does not grow stale so rapidly as when water is used in mixing the dough.

When these facts were laid before the commercial bakers by their research department several years ago, many of them at once adopted a milk-bread formula. Consequently every year more of the loaves turned out by the commercial bakeshops are made with at least some milk. To be sold as milk bread, at least one-third of the liquid used in mixing the dough must be milk, according to the standards of the United States Department of Agriculture. Homemade bread can practically always be all-milk bread, the department suggests in its new bulletin for home bakers. If fresh milk is not available, evaporated or dried milk can be used with good effect by the home maker who bakes the family bread supply.

SEE A TUBERCULOSIS HOPE

New York, January 11.—Dr. H. J. Corper, international authority on tuberculosis and head of the research work of the Jewish national hospital in Denver, announced here yesterday his staff had shown a chemical factor which accounted for the marked susceptibility of the lungs to tuberculosis.

The problem, Dr. Corper said, was to find a chemical substance with which Nature apparently endowed the liver and made it able to prevent or throw off tuberculosis and use that substance to prevent infection of the lungs. He expressed the belief it was only a matter of time before this substance would be found.

### SENATE TO PERMIT NYE TO TAKE SEAT

Washington, January 12.—The Senate voted today to seat Gerald P. Nye as a senator for North Dakota.

His right to a seat in the Senate has been challenged on the ground that the North Dakota governor did not have authority to fill Senate vacancies by appointment. This challenge the Senate upset by a vote of 41 to 39.

The vote came after five days of discussion in which it was held that politics dominated the decision because Nye was a Progressive.

A majority of the Senate elections committee held that Nye was not entitled to a seat. Twenty-six Democrats joined 14 Republicans and one Farmer-Labor senator in voting to give Governor Sorlie's appointee his seat. Eight Democrats and 31 Republicans voted against it.

The new senator takes the place of the late Senator Edwin F. Ladd. Reed of Missouri, Democrat voted for seating and Williams of Missouri, Republican, voted against seating.

### KILL, ROB FIFTY ON TRAIN

The City of Mexico, January 11.—Fully fifty persons were murdered by the bandits who attacked and wrecked the Guadalajara-City of Mexico passenger train near Yurecuaro, in the state of Michoacan, Saturday night.

Penniless survivors, stripped of all their belongings, began arriving in Guadalajara today to tell a tale of horror unequalled in Mexico's criminal annals for years.

The dead include all the soldiers of the train guard, most of the crew and numerous Mexican passengers.

An unknown number of bandits was engaged. They boarded the train as passengers. When near Yurecuaro station they locked the doors of all the coaches, slit the throats of the train guards or shot them as they slept, and systematically knifed or shot most of the train crew.

They then began robbing the passengers, murdering every one who resisted. The survivors described the scene within the coaches as ghastly, the imprisoned passengers frantically beseeching for mercy, many only to be slashed to death at the whim of the bandits.

Several foreigners are said to have been in the Pullman car, including the manager of the Guadalajara branch of the Bank of Montreal. These passengers are reported to have escaped injury, although the Pullman was burned with the other cars when the bandits fled in the locomotive.

The bandits are reported to have obtained 300,000 pesos.

Relief trains bearing military reinforcements have been sent out from Guadalajara, the officers under orders to get the bandits, dead or alive.

Officials declare the perpetrators of the massacre must be captured at all costs.

HOPE FOR SHOALS DECISION

Washington, January 11.—The Muscle Shoals issue will be settled at this session of congress, in the opinion of both Chairman Norris of the senate agriculture committee and Senator Underwood of Alabama, Democrat, leader of the opposing forces, over disposition of the property.

Senator Norris, who for five years has prevented senate action on the problem because of his demand for government operation, told the committee he no longer would fight senate action.

### SAVE THE OLD ROADS

Twenty-three thousand miles of highway were built to grade, or surfaced on state system in 1924, according to Bureau of Public Roads of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

It estimates that approximately half of the 251,610 miles of roads embraced in state highway systems were surfaced at the beginning of 1925, and that more than 17,000 miles were surfaced with some form of covering from sand, clay and gravel to sheet asphalt, asphaltic concrete and cement concrete during the single year of 1924.

With new surveys being added to the state systems yearly and with maintenance bills mounting on our present road systems, it is highly essential that old macadam and gravel roads be salvaged by applying a waterproof surface which will utilize the material already compacted by years of travel.

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### Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Jennie E. Green, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of December, 1925, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

James S. Green and Mrs. Katie L. Cook, Administrators.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge.

### Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Margaret Simpson, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 1st day of February, A. D., 1926.

J. W. JONES, Administrator

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## AGRICULTURAL BUREAU DIRECTORS LOOK OVER FARMING CONDITIONS

Kennett, January 11.—Directors of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, in monthly session here, were entertained at a dinner by the Lions Club. W. F. D. Batjer, secretary of the Bureau, was introduced to a Kennett audience for the first time and made a fine impression with an address on the progress that is being made in the development of Southeast Missouri. He said he is working in the communities that call on him for assistance, and gave an idea of the work he is doing mainly in conjunction with farm agents.

E. C. Matthews, president of the Bureau, outlined the work of the organization and said the directors are doing all they can to promote the general interest of the district. To start with the Bureau gave most of its time to immigration work, the one object being to attract more people to this district. Much success was achieved, it was shown, but recently the economic and agricultural conditions have been so upset that not many worth-while farmers are changing their locations, and those who are being attracted by the gilded opportunities of Florida. Consequently the Bureau is devoting its main attention now to encouraging all Southeast Missourians to realize the unequalled advantages of this district and to induce the farmers to meet the change conditions by diversifying their crops. In some counties cotton must remain king, but at the same time other crops must be raised. The acreage of cotton must be reduced in order to provide for corn, hay, wheat and other very important crops, including fruits, and in this work Mr. Batjer is extending his greatest energies. "We want you to call on Secretary Batjer or this Bureau at any time he or we can be of assistance", President Matthews said, "because the sooner we get down to diversification the better off we will all be."

Senator Dwight Brown, of Poplar Bluff, a director of the Bureau, said his county is not a leader in agriculture and it had been believed that it would continue to be a slow process of developing the country districts to a high state. Secretary Batjer encouraged the culture of fruit and the Chamber of Commerce took an interest. With the farm agent and representatives of the Chamber, Mr. Batjer spent a week in meetings throughout the county and greatly interested the farmer folks in the subject. Later on, Senator Brown explained, the Chamber of Commerce had a luncheon attended by more than 80 of the best farmers in Butler county and the growing of small fruits, as well as regular orchard fruits, is now well under way. "It's the greatest thing we have done in Butler county in a long time". Senator Brown said, "and I want to encourage every county in the district to do the same thing."

There was a time when our business men didn't show much interest in the Bureau but they know its value now and they are strong for it."

Some very interesting things were discussed at the regular meeting of the directors. Secretary Batjer reported on his activities for the preceding month. He visited the poultry show at Farmington and spoke at the annual banquet of the Southeast Missouri Poultry Association. Spent a week in Butler county assisting agricultural commissioner for the Chamber of Commerce in a strawberry campaign. Ordered peach trees for Scott county farmers and helped receive and check them. Aided the following farmers to get trees properly planted: W. H. Heisserer, Benton, 200 peach trees; J. E. McDowell, Bertrand, 4000 peach trees; W. C. Bryant, Charleston, 500 peach trees; Mrs. Florence Marshall, Skeston, 4000 peach trees.

Mr. Batjer reported over 8000 peach trees set out in the district the past fall.

An unusually fine meeting of farmers was held at Ilmo by the business men of the tri-cities, who arranged the affair to encourage the growing of small fruit, and several hundred acres were signed up for strawberries. So many farmers were present, and so much interest was shown, Mr. Batjer reported, that it was impossible to get a detailed report. Farm Agent Renner is carrying on the work and is expecting large results.

Despite the very bad agricultural conditions, it was reported that more interest is being shown in the work of the Bureau than ever before. Moderate advertisements are being published in farm papers and quite a few inquiries are being received, all of which are sent to the land men who are members of the Bureau. The Bureau also keeps up with this correspondence. But the main object at this time is to encourage all Southeast Missourians to study the marvelous resources of this district and to promote the good points and leave the faults to others. If all Southeast Missourians would boost and never knock, like Californians do, this section would grow as rapidly as California because when it comes to natural resources there is no doubt that Southeast Missouri has more than any other section in the United States. Directors of the Bureau, in a general discussion of such advantages, reported several interesting things.

Solon E. Wright, representing Dunklin county on the board, looks after the farming interests of a large lumber concern. Feed is not raised to a great extent down there and as the corn crop was none too good, due

to wet weather, and as cotton prices have gone to nearly nothing, it behooves the farmer to guard the cost of wintering his stock. Shredded fodder is doing the work, Wright reported. He has 31 work mules in a feed lot and is feeding them shredded fodder exclusively. The cost of the fodder he figures at 12½ cents per bale and it requires six bales a day, so the cost of feeding a mule per day is about six cents and the animals are in much better condition than those that are wintered on pasture.

Mr. Wright said he figures that shredded fodder is about as valuable a crop as a grain crop, when fed in this manner.

Mr. Wright gave another example of thrift that is worthy of attention. He tried to induce a tenant to plant corn in a piece of new cut-over land. The stumps were very thick, he said, and the tenant didn't care to risk such an effort. So he hired some men to prepare the land and the corn was planted between July 2 and July 20. It happened to rain soon after the final planting which gave the corn a good start and from this patch of 110 acres he gathered about 15 bushels of good corn to the acre and has 37,110 shocks of fodder that will be shredded. He estimates that he will get at least 2000 bales of shredded fodder.

Southeast Missouri farmers scattered their shot too widely, several men claimed. Farm Agent Amburgy of Dunklin county, says this is a common trouble and hopes to see the day when farmers use fewer acres and then strive to get greater production. F. C. Cooper, living east of Kennett, picked 6500 pounds of seed cotton from two acres. He got more than four bales weighing 500 pounds each and the grade was high.

On other land of the same kind, and with the same seed, the yield dropped to less than a bale an acre, showing that intensive cultivation pays.

The rice crop of Stoddard county will be gathered in another week and will make a bumper yield, according to E. C. Morstedt, of Dexter, a member of the Bureau Board. It is threshing more than 100 bushels to the acre and the market is strong, running from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a bushel.

This was a very bad season for rice harvest, it was explained, due to the continued rains. Usually rice is threshed early in the fall but the floods prevented. There has also been a heavy wastage due to the rains, and still the average per acre was high. Had the season been good there is no telling how high the yield would have gone.

As with many other leading products, the records give Southeast Missouri rice the highest class. Up in Northeast Missouri much rice is grown and the quality is high. The price this season has been as high as \$1.74 and the yield large. Rice growers say they grow the crop at

no greater expense than most any other grains.

Chas. L. Harrison of Cape Girardeau, a director, said conditions in Southeast Missouri, as depressing as they are, are not as bad as in other sections. A great deal is heard of the fine agricultural lands of Illinois and it is supposed that farmers over there are better off than they are down here, but the records fail to show it. Not long ago a Missouri land bank took over the assets of an Illinois bank. The Missouri bank had no delinquent payments, while the Illinois bank had thousands of dollars due on this account.

The Lions Club of Kennett, a large organization of the leading men of the town, entertained the Agricultural Bureau men at a splendid luncheon, and some interesting short talks were made. President Matthews, Secretary Batjer, Senator Brown, Julien Friant and others spoke. It was the first time Secretary Batjer was heard here and he has promised to come again. He not only enlightened the gathering on the work the Bureau is doing, but he entertained the men delightfully.

The Lions Club is doing great work for Kennett and this vicinity and the older it gets the better it is. This organization is not working only for the good of Kennett, but for all of Dunklin county and its influence is spreading. Members of the Bureau said they had never attended a better meeting anywhere.

E. C. (Ned) Matthews, president of the Bureau, remarked that Scott county is going strong on diversification but there is lots of room for improvement yet. He uses the Mary Jane orchard near Blodgett to show that fruit growing pays big. Hal Galeener, son of an orchard man, set out a peach orchard in the poorest, bluest sand he could find because he didn't want his experiment to cost too much. Most everybody told him he was foolish. Only one failure out of four crops has resulted. In 1924 the crop brought over \$23,000 in cash and in 1925 the crop brought over \$19,000. The net profit from either year more than paid every cent ever

invested in the orchard and it gets better every year.

Matthews has just showed his faith in fruit growing by putting out a large orchard. "When we get some fruit growing on every farm, with small fruits, and such things well scattered through Scott County, a cotton failure will not be so hard on us", he said. "The sooner we get the diversification the better off we will be and to this end this Bureau is giving its greatest attention and encouragement."

According to official records read by Secretary Batjer, Cape Girardeau county is the only county in Missouri to show an increased acreage of wheat for 1926. The weather was so bad last fall that other counties were unable to sow much wheat. In 1924 Cape county's acreage of wheat was 14,150, in 1925 it was 15,570, a gain of 1420 acres.

The acreage in the state for the 1926 crop is short about 500,000, and Southeast Missouri is minus 41,000 acres.

"What is to be done with this large acreage that was doubtless intended for wheat?" Secretary Batjer asks.

Texas and Louisiana are the rice states and the grain is one of the chief sources of revenue. The figures show that Missouri rice makes from 20 to 40 bushels per acre more than either Texas or Louisiana, and the quality is also higher. Another thing is that the crop is produced for less money in Missouri. And still another thing is that in Southeast Missouri the crop is made for less money per acre than up in northeast Missouri. The records covering a period of years shows this.

Consequently, according to Mr. Morstedt, rice is coming into its own in Southeast Missouri. In Stoddard county the acreage next year will be much larger than ever before. There were 800 acres in rice in 1925 and there will be more than 1000 acres in 1926. It is reported that 300 acres near New Madrid will be put in rice this year.—Cape Missourian.

Queen Marie of Rumania speaks seven different languages.

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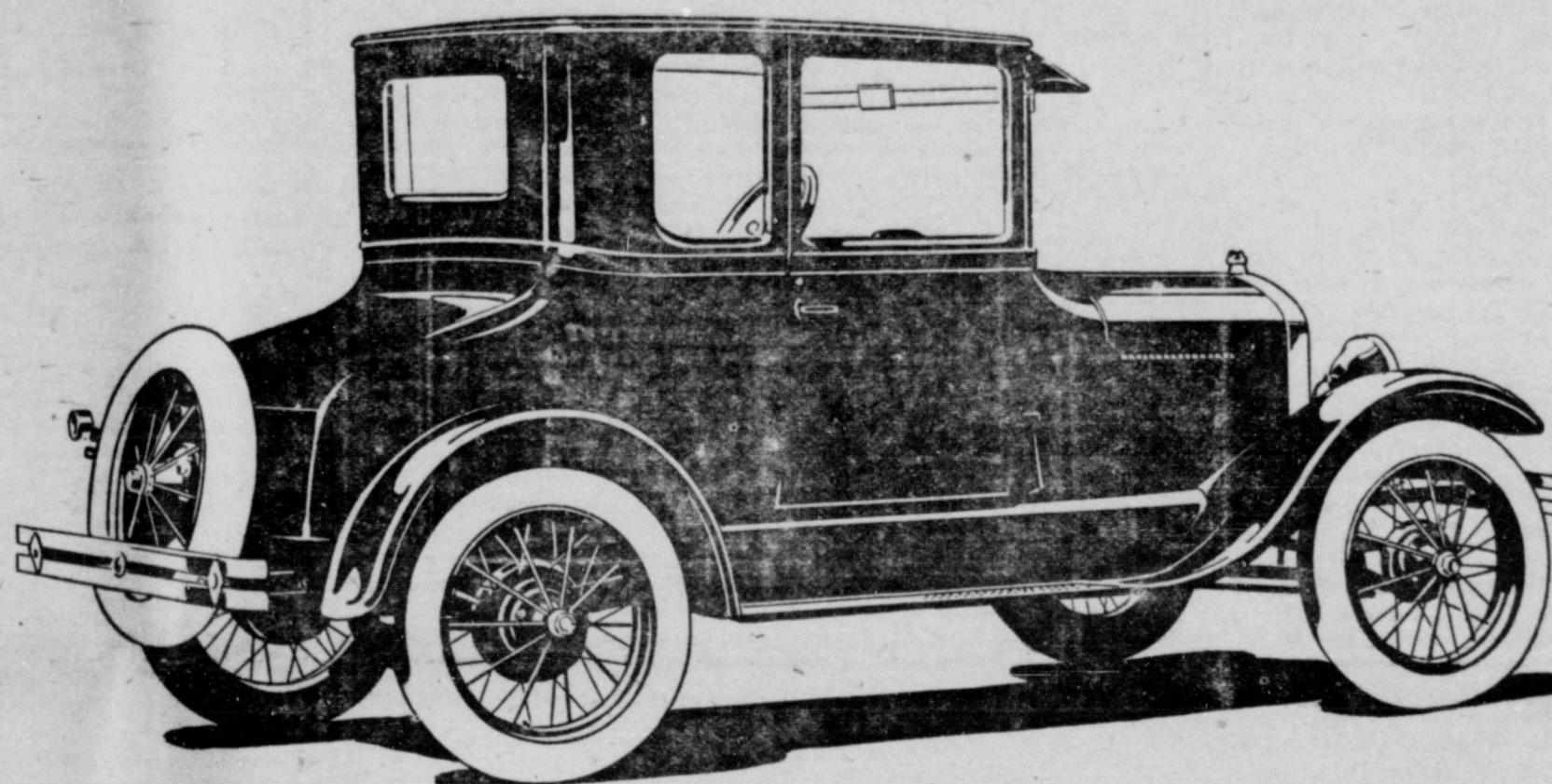
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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Loud on Water Street, last Thursday afternoon. About sixteen members were present. One of the principal features was the election of officers. The officers elected were as follows:

President—Mrs. E. A. Loud.  
Vice-President—Mrs. J. A. Finch.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie R. Fine.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. F. Sharp.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. La Valle.

Agent Miss. Voice—Mrs. C. M. Shellenberger.

Superintendent of Supplies—Mrs. D. B. Riley, So.

A delightful salad luncheon concluded a very pleasant time.

Judge and Mrs. W. L. Stacy of Sikeston were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Sarah Stepp, of this city, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Riley returned the latter part of the week from Ft. Smith, Ark., where they visited relatives on their honeymoon trip.

Jas. C. Smith of Caledonia, Mo., who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. T. F. Henry, of Sikeston, spent a few hours in New Madrid, Monday.

Gideon-Anderson Co. to W. E. Killion: That part of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 6-20-11, lying East of ditch No. 1, 31.94 acres. \$2874.60.

Hopper S. Carson and Wm. Corson, to Washy Miller: Lot 8, blk. 27 Cooper's Add., Parma. \$22.

R. A. Hewitt and wife to N. J. Hewitt: Lots 1-4, blk. 25, H.-H. Lbr. Co., 4th add. Canalou, all of the S 1/2 lot 7 block 5, Canalou, \$1.00 and exchange property.

Thos. R. Waters to Henry Hulshop: all that portion of sec. 10-21-12, lying east of center line of Little River ditch 72.73 acres. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

M. R. Horn and wife to Carl Shaw: Lot 2, blk 14, Parma. \$450.

H.-H. Lbr. Co. to Luther Glass: Lots 6 and 7, blk. 64, Morehouse \$1.150.

Jonah De Lisle, et al to City Portageville to be used as site sewage disposal plant. \$400. See book 83, page 408.

J. M. Harris and wife to Minnie F. Ateberry: Lots 4, 5 and 6 block 2, Smith's addition Gideon. \$1400.

Lin L. Maxey and J. B. Metts to Howard J. Latimer: Lots 14 and 15, blk. 26. Barnes' add. Marston, \$700. Marston Realty Co. to John C. Simmons: Lots 24-26, blk. 26 Barnes' Add. to Marston, \$100.

Jonett Goodall and wife to Dora Goodall: Lot 9, blk. 33, Coopers' Addition, Parma. \$450.

Dewey S. Blowers and wife to E. H. Blowers, all that NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 30-22-11, 37.85 acres, lying east of drainage district No. 4, \$1.00.

Alfred F. Hilley and wife to T. R. Hunter: Lot 12, blk. 9 H.-H. Lbr. Co. 2nd add. Risco. \$200.

W. S. Edwards and wife to Joe Schneider: E 1/2 of NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 20-23-15, \$1.00.

Marriage License  
Clarence Rogers to Maude Hawkins, both of Portageville.

### NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 12th annual stockholders' meeting of the Southeast Missouri District Fair Association will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room in the city of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 9th day of February, 1926.

Said meeting will be convened at 7:30 o'clock p. m., and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect nine directors for the said Fair, to serve during the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

W. H. SIKES, President.  
C. L. BLANTON, Jr., Secy.

Attest:  
4cF.

### Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of John L. Welter, Sr., deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

BEN J. WELTER,  
Administrator.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,  
Probate Judge.

Not until 1840 were watches successfully manufactured by machinery.

## MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Bagnell—Missouri Hydroelectric Power Co. files application to construct dam and electric power plant on Osage River, near here.

Poplar Bluff—Great development program outlined for Missouri Ozarks.

Trenton—White way lighting system to be installed on Ninth Street: 43 cities and towns in Missouri have gas service.

Jackson—Completion of riverfront levee in Perry County, making rapid progress.

Brasher—School building recently destroyed by fire, may be replaced.

Rolla—New Episcopal parish house completed.

Rockville—Contract awarded for construction of new community house.

Stanberry—Plans under way for paving and guttering Atlanthus Ave. Trenton—New postoffice building practically assured for this place.

Gower—Local streets being repaired.

Unionville—New Unionville Business College to open January 15th.

Stanberry—"Stanberry Herald" and "Owl Headlight" consolidate.

Pacific—New industry, Hardstone Brick & Tile Co., incorporated.

Excelsior Springs—Plans to be discussed for installing white way lighting system on Broadway.

Galt—Galt Light & Power Co., extending lighting system to C. M. & St. P. Railroad.

Washington—Bids received for constructing 2 miles paved highway on No. 14, in Franklin County.

Marthasville—G. H. Egbert to establish pipe factory here.

Sedalia—Movement on foot for erecting new school building.

Columbia—Plans proposed for installing municipal garbage disposal system.

Mexico—Arctic Ice & Storage Co. sold to Missouri Power & Light Co. Humansville—Lightfoot building on Main Street being remodeled.

Clayton—Work begun improving newly purchased site for Teachers' College athletic field.

Clinton—City sells municipal power plant to Missouri Power & Light group.

St. Louis—General Electric Co. buys 100-acre site for eventually building manufacturing plant.

Clayton—10-acre tract in northeast

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Newton—Movement on foot for consolidating seven schools here.

Carthage—New lateral sewer system in district No. 40, accepted by city council.

Marshfield—This place will have new overall factory, to employ between 50 and 100 persons.

Mrs. Carl Freeman is playing the violin at Happy's tea room at lunch and dinner hour.

The Missionary Society of the Baptist church met at the church on Thursday afternoon.

WANTED—A used radio, must be bargain for cash. Address P. A. S., care The Standard. 1tpd.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms near Shoe Factory.—Eugene Buckles, Kathleen Avenue. 1tpd.

Aubry Kirby, a Poplar Bluff visitor since last Saturday, returned to Sikeston Tuesday morning.

J. N. Sheppard returned Tuesday afternoon from Tamms, Ill., where he has been the past week.

The editor and C. L. Blanton, Jr., were business visitors in Charleston for a short while Tuesday afternoon.

The front stairway of the city hall has been torn out and a room is being remodeled for the collector's office.

Mrs. John Welter, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Heisserer in Cape Girardeau, has returned to her home.

Mesdames Moore Greer and John Joe Russell attended a party in Charleston given by Mrs. Carl Marshall.

Mrs. Moore Greer has invited guests from Charleston and Cape Girardeau to her party Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. N. Ross left Tuesday morning for Little Rock, Ark., where she will visit her mother for a week or ten days.

Mrs. A. B. Skillman, who recently suffered a serious operation at a hospital in St. Louis, is now a victim of the flu.

See my new spring hats in beautiful colors. Made of silk, straws, leather or grograin ribbon.—Mrs. A. E. Shankle. 2t.

E. V. Howell, proprietor of Howell's Cafe, is unable to be on duty on account of the flu and his son, Jimmy, is taking his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate and daughter Lillian Gale, drove to St. Louis with Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce, this week.

Jos. Marshall of Detroit, Mich., who attended the funeral of Mrs. Betty Marshall, held in this city last week, returned to his home Monday.

Quite a number of citizens are suffering of flu this week. Some of them are: Mrs. Frank Van Horne, Mrs. C. A. Cook, Mrs. M. M. Beck and Jake Sitze.

### \$1,165,550 INHERITANCE TAX PAID TO STATE IN 1925

Jefferson City, January 11.—State inheritance tax collections in Missouri during 1925 totaled \$1,165,000. State Treasurer C. E. Stephens announced today. Of this amount \$641,011.82, or 55 per cent, was collected on estates in St. Louis.

St. Louis, with a tax of \$641,011.82. St. Louis County with \$81,732.10 and Jackson County, including Kansas City, with \$138,992.48, paid a total inheritance tax of \$861,736.40, or 74 per cent of the total collected in the State. Buchanan County, including St. Joseph, paid \$42,349, and St. Louis. In other counties the inheritance tax payments for the year ranged from \$11,048 in Jasper County to down to \$13.53 in Morgan County. Twenty of the 114 counties reported no inheritance tax collections during the year.

### BOBS. AND HIGH HEELS WIN!

The health week committee up here at Barnard College picked as the healthiest among 1000 students, a girl whose hair is bobbed and who wears high French heels. She's Elizabeth Metzger of New York—a junior. The girls were judged by physique and posture. There's a slap at the long-faced ones who defy bobs and high heels. Have other colleges been bold enough to admit that health and bobs and French heels go together?—Barnard Stude, New York City.

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Inquire 413 Sikes Avenue. 2tpd.

### Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of John West, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

ROBERT THOMAS,  
Administrator.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,  
Probate Judge.

### Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Charles F. McMullin, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of January, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

MATTIE McMULLIN,  
Executrix.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Probate Court of Scott County.  
(SEAL)  
THOS. B. DUDLEY,  
Probate Judge.

LOST—Pair tortoise rim spectacles between N. I. Kirby residence and Kirby Cafe. Leave at Cafe. 1tpd.

Last week graduates of Chillicothe Business College were placed in splendid office positions with Swift & Co. at Chicago and Brooklyn while Monday another call was received from the big St. Joseph plant.

Tests show St. Louis to be smokier than Indianapolis. While we are speaking of smoke, we might say that Sikeston has its share. Speed the time when consumers will be within the reach of all coal burners.

✓ Maj. Harry Dudley returned Tuesday morning from Jefferson City, where he attended the Governor's reception. On his way home, he stopped to see his brother at Columbia and his mother at St. Charles.

On calling at Jake Goldstein's second-hand clothing store to ask if they had found any trace of the robbers who stole 22 suits, several overcoats and hose, we were informed the bloodhounds had led them to the same house twice, but the constable refused to even knock at the door and the Chief of Police would do nothing but advise the proprietors to stay in close at night and if anyone comes, shoot.

The Co-Workers held their regular meeting for the election of officers at the home of Mrs. Norman Davis, but there being no one heroic enough to take up the work so efficiently done by the retiring officers, the meeting will be continued in two weeks. This organization is a branch of the M. E. Church, which has done some wonderful work in its own particular way and it is hoped some unselfish ones will consent to make the sacrifices necessary to accept these offices and carry on the work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joe Russell entertained a few friends Monday night with a bridge party.

John O'Hara an employee of the Frisco at Kennett, formerly of Sikeston, is in a serious condition at the Frisco Hospital of St. Louis. A general breakdown seems to be the source of trouble.

Twenty-seven Oklahomans were among the new students enrolling last week at the big Mid-Winter Opening at Chillicothe Business College while Arkansas, Kansas and Iowa also sent large delegations.

A party of five ladies from Sikeston drove to Caruthersville last Sunday, visiting in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Byars, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kersy, and perhaps others of our citizens, and incidentally, it is said, making glad the hearts of some four or five of our young men of the high school crowd, whose acquaintance they have made during the playing of football or basketball games between teams of the two cities in the recent past. In the party were Misses Tyne Kendall, Virginia Freeman, Lucille and Louise Stubblefield and Louise Shields and were "chaperoned" and chauffeured hither by Herschel Tyne, likewise and also of Sikeston. The visitors returned home in the evening and Uncle Sam's postoffice has been doing a nice business in special delivery stamps since then.—Caruthersville Democrat.

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